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Israel, Syria soften fears

Easing of tensions a relief

WASHINGTON —

The Reagan administration believes that statements made recently by the leaders of Syria and Israel have helped ease the tension between the two countries.

Israeli Premier Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin made their statements on U.S. television on the same day an interview with Syrian president Hafez Assad was pub-

lished in the Washington Post.

"We welcome their effect on reducing tension in the region," state department spokesman Bernard Kalb said.

Assad said that neither Syria nor Israel had undertaken any unusual troop movements recently and asserted that the tensions between the two countries had lessened.

"I do not see an immediate danger of war between us and Syria," Peres said on ABC-TV's This Week with David Brinkley. "We do not intend either to retaliate nor to make war."

Appearing on CBS-TV's Face the Nation, Rabin said: "Syria knows that its force is not a military match to Israel if Syria will go it alone." He said Syria instead tries from Lebanon

and Europe "to encourage, to participate in terror acts to the extent that they raise the level of risks of confrontation with Israel."

Assad maintained that he does not allow Syria to be used as a staging ground for terrorist acts abroad. But he said he would not restrict what he called the "cultural and political" activities in Syria of the Abu Nidal group.

Peres said he read Assad's comments "with a smile," noting the "murderous and violent actions" Abu Nidal has been responsible for. He said Syria not only shelters Abu Nidal but other Palestinian terrorist groups such as Nayef Hawatma, George Habash and Abu Moussa.

"The fact that Assad, for the first time, found it necessary to explain his position to the American public opinion shows that he understands that there is a price to violence, not just an advantage," Peres said.

The resolution stated that "ascription of Jewish lineage through a legal instrument or ceremonial act on the basis of anything other than matrilineal descent," or through a conversion omitting tevilah (ritual immersion) for women and tevilah and brit milah (ritual circumcision) for men, "shall continue to be regarded as violation of the halacha of Conservative Judaism."

It further stated that such actions will be regarded from now on as "violations of a standard of rabbinic practice inconsistent with membership in the Rabbinical Assembly."

The resolution upholding matrilineal descent which, it stated, "has been authoritative in normative Judaism for many centuries as the sole determinant of Jewish lineage," passed by a vote of 235 to 32.

Rabbinical Assembly votes against patrilineal descent

KIAMESHA LAKE, NY (JTA) —

The Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative movement put itself officially on record last week as opposed to the so-called "patrilineal descent." The action came in the form of a vote on a resolution proposed by its Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) and after a long discussion at its annual convention here.

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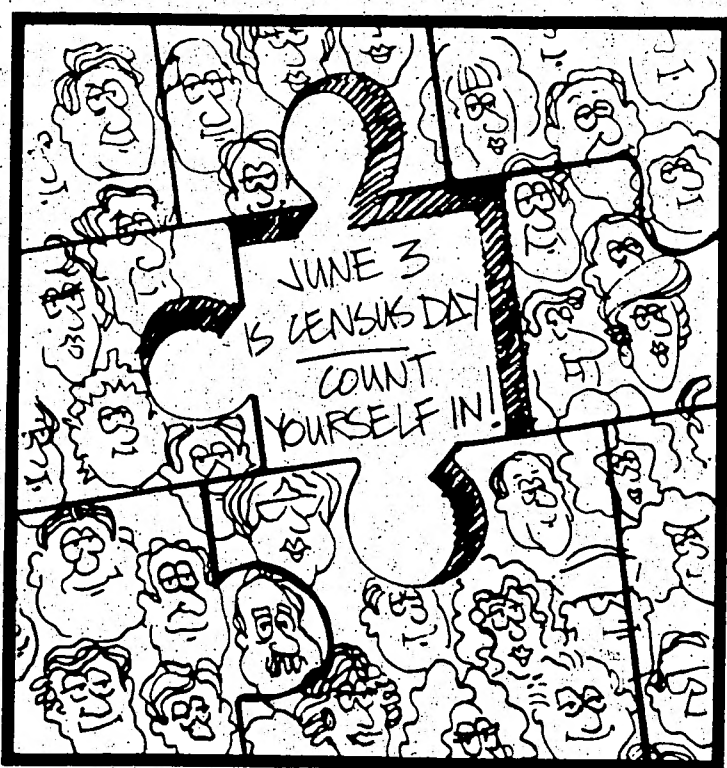
Canada Census Day nears

Tuesday, June 3 is Census Day in Canada — the day when every household must fill in a census questionnaire.

The census is a constitutional requirement in Canada, which means that it is binding on the federal government to conduct a census at least once every 10 years. Because Canada has undergone rapid demographic and socio-economic changes in recent decades, since 1956 the government has considered it necessary to conduct the census every five years.

In an effort to make the 1986 census more "user friendly" and relevant, Statistics Canada has included with every questionnaire an explanation of why each question is being asked.

Statistics Canada says that census information can never be traced back to individual Canadians and it is released "only after it is merged with similar information from hundreds of thousands of Canadians." Statistics



Canada employees are sworn to secrecy under the Statistics Act and risk fines or imprisonment or both should they violate the oath.

A telephone assistance service offering multilingual services to respondents will be in operation during the census. The phone numbers for this service are listed on census forms.

Information on the ethnic

makeup of Canada has always been important to Statistics Canada and other government departments. In fact, every census since Confederation (except one in 1981) has asked about ethnicity. As a result, these surveys have produced an important historical record of Canada's ethnic population.

Who uses this information?

For minority groups,

good data is a powerful tool they can use to support their case. Ethnic, cultural and linguistic associations throughout the country use data to get a profile of their members in Canada.

The census is the only survey that includes the entire country, providing an accurate count of the members of a particular ethnic community, and picture of where they live.

Many government programs depend on the census for accurate information about Canada's ethnic communities. The department of the secretary of state of Canada uses data in the development and promotion of multiculturalism program.

To assist those with visual impairments, the questionnaire has been printed in braille and in large print. These are available on request by phoning the telephone assistance service (daily from May 29 to June 6 except for Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.): 973-1986 in Toronto; 283-1986 in Montreal; 990-1495 in Ottawa.

Israel says evidence implicates Waldheim

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The justice ministry said last week it had ample evidence to implicate Kurt Waldheim in Nazi atrocities in the Balkans during World War II.

It is contained in an interim report submitted to Justice Minister Yitzhak Modai by a special committee investigating charges against the Austrian presidential candidate.

The report coincided with publication of an interview with Waldheim in Yediot Achronot which quoted him as saying he would like to visit Israel and talk to its people. Waldheim also told the Israeli newspaper: "If I am elected president, I hereby pledge to do everything I can for our Jewish citizens so that they can live in security, equality and tranquility. We will not permit anti-semitism."

Waldheim went on to say: "The truth is that Austria is no more anti-semitic than other countries. I have met thousands of people during my (elec-

tion) campaign and haven't come across any manifestations of anti-semitism."

The report to Modai said Israel has evidence supporting allegations that Waldheim was fully aware of atrocities against Yugoslavian partisans and the mass deportation of Greek Jews when he served as an intelligence officer in the Wehrmacht, and that the intelligence he passed on to his superiors helped advance those atrocities.

Modai commented on Voice of Israel Radio that the evidence indicates Waldheim was at least an "accessory," if not personally involved.

The committee, continuing its investigations, has traced several witnesses but has yet to question them. It is searching for evidence that, in some instances, Waldheim may have been personally involved in war crimes.

In the Yediot Achronot interview, Waldheim suggested that the campaign against him, led by the World Jewish Congress,

stemmed from the fact that he was perceived as hostile to Israel and Zionism when he served as United Nations secretary general from 1972-81.

"I have visited Israel several times and if I am elected I would be glad to visit again in order to contribute to improving relations between the two countries and the two peoples. I have quite a few friends in Israel," Waldheim told the newspaper.

As candidate of the conservative People's party, Waldheim won 49.66% of the vote in the May 4 presidential elections in Austria. He faces his Socialist rival, Kurt Steyrer, in a runoff election on June 8. He is currently running six points ahead of Steyrer in public opinion polls.

In another development, the U.S. state department has undertaken an investigation into the wartime activities of Waldheim to determine

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Thatcher expresses concerns over peace

By
JTA AND UPI

JERUSALEM —

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was visibly shaken as she toured the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum here Sunday, the first full day of the visit of an incumbent British prime minister to Israel.

Pausing at the photograph of a German soldier shooting a Jewish mother and her child, she exclaimed: "It is so terrible. Everyone should come and see it so that they never forget." She added, "I am not quite sure whether the new generation really knows what we are fighting against."

Noting that Jews were being slaughtered at a tremendous rate while the Holocaust was in progress, Thatcher observed that had the war lasted another year, the death toll would have been 11 million instead of 6 million. She placed a wreath at the memorial to the 6 million.

The images of the Holocaust, she said, told the horrors of the Holocaust "more than all the stories I have heard."

Thatcher arrived in Israel Saturday night, accompanied by her husband, Denis Thatcher. She was greeted at Ben Gurion Airport by Premier Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and other dignitaries. In remarks to reporters after she stepped down from a Royal Air Force plane, the British leader expressed concern that the peace process "appears to have lost momentum in recent months."

"I don't believe that is your wish or that of the moderate, farsighted Arab leaders with whom I have talked in recent months," she said, adding that she



Margaret Thatcher

hoped her visit would help get the stalled peace process moving again.

Thatcher lunched Sunday with President Chaim Herzog who praised her anti-terrorist policies and said the Israeli people stood beside her in this. Herzog, who was born in Ireland, noted that the people of Israel have always distinguished between their feelings of respect for British tradition and the "less pleasant aspects of our ties in the past," a reference to Israel's struggle for independence in the final years of British Mandate rule in Palestine. He ex-

pressed hope that her talks in Israel would help her better understand Israel's problems.

Thatcher began her official talks at meetings with Peres and Shamir Sunday afternoon. Earlier, she breakfasted with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek who expressed regret that Britain did not recognize Israel's sovereignty over united Jerusalem.

Following a meeting with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the minister said he disagreed with her ideas for running the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Rabin described his brief meeting with Thatcher as cordial but rejected her idea that Israel schedule mayoral elections in the territories captured by Israel during the 1967 Six Day War.

The defence minister, who is responsible for the occupied territories, also took issue with Thatcher's remarks during a state dinner late Sunday that Israel should "do more to improve the standard of living for Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza."

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MP praises Israel on its 38th birthday

OTTAWA —

Conservative Member of Parliament Bill Attewell last week noted the 38th birthday of the State of Israel in brief remarks in the House of Commons.

Attewell, MP for Don Valley East in Toronto, stated the creation of Israel represented "the realization of a Zionist dream and a haven for the homeless in the tragic aftermath of the Holocaust. Today, as we

celebrate Israel's Independence Day, Israel is a vibrant, beautiful state — the desert blooms."

Attewell said the "achievements made during this relatively short period have not only been remarkable but also have been a justifiable source of pride to Israelis and to Jews around the world."

"The leaders and people of Israel are in our prayers. May Israel continue to grow in peace. Shalom."

World-National

Maturity, stability seen in plenary

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Congress conventions are usually full of surprises. You think nothing much will happen and then it does.

For me, it started with the opening session on a Wednesday night, at L'Hotel in Toronto. I arrived five minutes after 8 o'clock in the evening, fully expecting to have a good 20 minutes to half an hour before the meeting would get under way. After all, there is such a thing as "Jewish time," well documented in the practices of our community.

But Jewish time did not operate that night. Not only did the session start on the minute, but to my immense astonishment all seats were already taken. Everyone had come early to hear Stephen Lewis address the Jewish community. It was a good start to a good convention, rich in content and participation. People came from all parts of the country; experts in many fields of endeavor; workshops on every conceivable issue facing Canadian Jewry — from Jewish education to Jews in small communities from media reporting and misreporting to social action; from Jews in Arab lands to Soviet Jews; from questions pertaining to Israel to relationships with the Canadian government; from war criminals to hate propaganda — and more.

Of course, there is never enough time to take part in open discussion; but one workshop I attended (on the question whether Congress ought to play a role in addressing general social issues) engendered vigorous responses from the floor.

Then there were the elections, and plenty of time for everyone to cast his/her vote. In the end, over 850 registered delegates cast their ballots, and that does not include the many people from the community who came as observers and filled the halls and hallways.

The elections were spirited; eight different candidates addressed regional caucuses in the early morning hours; there were flyers and wall posters, special "meet the candidate" receptions, and election buttons galore. No question that the race for the presidency created special excitement. Moshe Ronen had the support of lots of young people — reminding one of the Congress six years ago.

The attending activities made the convention an open one in the real sense of the word, and that was good. No other organization in Canada operates quite like that.

But while the youthful aspirant for the presidency did not prevail and Dorothy Reitman received the acclaim of the majority — in recognition of her many years of proven leadership in Congress — youth did have its moment when Alan Feld, a leader of the North American Jewish Students' Network received the endorsement of the voters for Associate Chairman of the Board.

News coverage in the general press was spotty, but on the whole fair and at times even generous. Of course, had Anatoly Scharansky accepted our invitation the media would have been out in full force; still, there was a good deal of reportage, including TV. It highlighted what the reporters thought was "newsworthy," which means that controversy or critique get the more likely nod over accounts of agreement or success. We can't have it both ways: get publicity and also expect the media to report only what we think they should.

Altogether it was a convention that showed Canadian Jewry growing in maturity and stability. There are still many lacunae, and important challenges will face the new administration. I wish Dorothy and her team a cordial hatslacha.



Rabbi Plaut

Washington seeks to prevent war

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Senior U.S. officials do not believe that Israel and Syria are about to go to war. But they are nervous about the worst-case scenario and are actively taking precautions to head it off.

American officials have accepted Prime Minister Shimon Peres' public assurances that Israel has no intention of attacking Syria despite the latest Syrian military maneuvers in Lebanon and the Syrian role in organizing terror against Israel.

They also believe that the Syrian regime of President Hafez Assad is not about to risk a full-scale war against a militarily superior Israel. It would be, as Secretary of State George Shultz told reporters on May 14, a no-win situation for both countries.

But Shultz and other U.S. officials know that the Middle East can be unpredictable. Logic does not always win out in that part of the world. Israel and Syria could find themselves in a war that neither really wants. It has happened before.

Indeed, one miscalculation on either side could trigger a full-scale confrontation. So in recent days, the U.S. has been taking delicate behind-the-scenes steps to prevent a war. There have been all sorts of diplomatic exchanges with Israel and Syria as well as with other Arab states and the Soviet Union.

At the moment, U.S. officials in Washington believe that they have headed off any immediate threat of a war. There is a sense that the situation is still rather tense, but cooler heads, in the end, will prevail all around.

Shultz, answering questions at a luncheon with Washington-based reporters, made this very point. "There are growing tensions, there is a big Syrian buildup," the secretary said. "They have been moving their fortifications forward in Lebanon, and there are investigations going on about various terrorist incidents in which Syria may or may not have been involved. That remains to be seen. So it has contributed to the tension."

He described this Syrian buildup as resulting in "a highly tense situation." But Shultz warned both Israel and Syria against initiating a war. He also maintained that it was "premature" to draw any final conclusions about any Syrian involvement in last month's attempt in London to blow up an El Al jumbo jet. White House spokesman Larry Speakes echoed that opinion.

Privately, however, the Americans are under no illusions. Like Israel, they are convinced that the Syrian government was very much behind that operation. They have already accepted the Syrian role in planning that effort as a given. But they have not been willing to say so publicly.

For one thing, U.S. officials note, British authorities are fearful that any public discussion could prejudice the upcoming court battles. Thus, the Americans have formally been asked to avoid too much public discussion of the prevailing evidence against Syria.

The British, despite their having expelled three Syrian embassy officials, are still angry that Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other Israeli officials have publicly charged that Syria was behind the operation. (Britain, by the way, has been providing much of the evidence to both Israel and the United States.) They see all of this public talk as counterproductive to Scotland Yard's ongoing investigation.

The Americans also know that striking out against Syria is no simple matter. Syria, with its 450,000 troops, is a more formidable military foe than Libya. Syria is also the Soviet Union's major strategic ally in the Middle East. There is a formal friendship treaty between Damascus and Moscow.

U.S. officials said that Israel, right now, is fully prepared for a war with Syria — even a limited Syrian effort to grab a

piece of the Golan Heights before the superpowers might impose a United Nations Security Council resolution calling for a standstill ceasefire. Israel, the Americans said, could be expected to respond massively to any such limited Syrian objective.

U.S. officials said Israel would fully mobilize its reserve units and seek to inflict as punishing a blow on the Syrian military as possible. "They would hope to set the Syrians back for many years," one American analyst said.

While some in Israel might welcome such an "opportunity," U.S. officials insisted that most "responsible" Israeli leaders will try to avoid it. Yes, they said, Israel could be expected to defeat the Syrians decisively and impressively in a few days. But this would be a very costly victory.

In the process, many Israeli soldiers would be killed and injured. Israel would also lose a lot of expensive military equipment. Syria, after all, has been massively resupplied by the Soviet Union with a new generation of missiles, fighter bombers and tanks these past four years.

A full-scale Israeli military mobilization, the Americans said, would

seriously upset Israel's economic recovery program. With civilians going to their battle units on the front, the national economy would suffer. Exports would go down. To a certain degree, Israel is still paying the bills of the 1973 war and its losses.

But if left with no alternative, Israel would, of course, have to fight and win. But in the process, U.S. officials said, Israel would also lose.

Because Israeli leaders themselves understand this fundamental fact of life, the Americans are hard pressed to understand why Rabin and other Israeli officials have publicly exposed the Syrian connection to the El Al incident as much as they have. The logical conclusions of such public blasts against Syria, the Americans said, is an Israeli retaliatory strike. Israel is seen as painting itself into a corner. And that, they warned, could lead to an escalated conflict — one that could get out of control.

Syria's President Assad is widely seen in Washington as brutal and tough but also practical and savvy. The Washington Post in an editorial, said that Assad is "consumed by the notion of striking at

his various foes. . . . President Assad lives in a world of violence. He practices it, and his own government has recently been the target of it — bombs went off in five Syrian cities last month, causing hundreds of casualties. There may be very few moments when defence and revenge are far from his thoughts. But he is a subtle operator, cruel to those who cross him but able to show a kindly face."

The Syrian leader is being credited by U.S. officials with taking some steps in the past few days to ease the tense situation with Israel. For example, they said, the Syrian president has floated the idea that he is working quietly to win the release of the American and French hostages in Lebanon.

But whether or not Assad is actually doing this is of course open to question. Still, the fact that he is even trying to project a more human and responsible image to the United States and the West in the aftermath of the Syrian embassy's getting caught in the embarrassing El Al fiasco in London is viewed by Washington as a signal that Assad does not plan to allow the tensions with Israel to get out of control.

Customs officials in Moscow can hold on to this paperback

By
RICHARD COHEN

MOSCOW —

"Do you have books, newspapers or magazines?" the customs official asked at the airport. "Yes," I said cheerfully. "I have all of them." I dug into my bag and placed two books on the counter. Instantly, I knew I had made a mistake.

"The book," the official said. "What is this book?" The book in question was *Russia — The People and The Power*, written by my Washington Post colleague and former Moscow correspondent, Robert G. Kaiser. I had the paperback version with its bright red cover showing a pastiche of Russian faces. The back cover was devoted to blurbs from the reviews of the hardcover edition. *Business Week*, for one, found the book "captivating." The customs official obviously did not. He gave it the warm look a vampire gives a cross.

The official poked at the book and then picked it up. He looked at the front cover, then the back, and then he thumbed through the index. He closed the book, opened it again and looked at some pages at random. He put it down on the counter next to another book and then picked it up again before finally setting it down for the last time.

The other book was *A Hero of Our Time*, a Russian classic by Mikhail Lermontov. "You like Russian writing?" the customs official said. "Love it," said I. He smiled. "You wait." And there the two books lay.

For a while I was not sure which of the two had evoked the suspicion of the customs agent. Kaiser had assured me that his book could be brought into the Soviet Union with no difficulty. As for the Lermontov, it was written in the 1830s, was an acclaimed Russian masterpiece, and could hardly be the cause of the delay. My other reading materials — files on Refuseniks, reports on the human-rights situation in Russia — had been left on the plane.

Still, something was clearly wrong. By now, everyone else from my flight was gone from the terminal. Other customs officials, maybe with nothing else to do, drifted over to look at my incredibly suspicious books. They talked among each other, and with the one who had stopped me, and poked from time to time at the Kaiser book. They moved it around like it was a dead snake, harmless but — who knows? — maybe not.

A uniformed officer appeared. He, too, poked

at the book and then picked it up. Next, a woman customs official of some evident rank showed up, looked at the book and made a comment. Then a male official of still higher rank appeared and came over. By now, they had the book surrounded — peering down at it, discussing it, wondering about it. There were six or seven of them, all uniformed, staring at the book, as if waiting for it to move of its own accord. My original customs officer finally offered an explanation: "I am waiting for the supervisor."

I suppose I should say that the Kaiser book is critical of the Soviet system. That is to be expected of a book written by an American journalist. I suppose I should also say that the book is appreciative and understanding, where many others are simply condemnatory. And I suppose I should say that the book prepares you for the Soviet system's epic suspicion of all things foreign and its determination to control all information.

Still, nothing prepares you for the sight of a book surrounded by uniformed men regarding it in the manner of football players waiting for the ball to be whistled dead. They were alert, on edge. This was the real thing. A book. A questionable book. It was, in other words, information — truth — which was an enemy, a threat to the state, and should be treated as such. The supervisor, I knew, would only confirm that judgment. Kaiser would be flattered.

The supervisor appeared. He was a young man, dressed in a civilian suit, his hair very blond and slick. He went directly to the book and picked it up. A colleague of mine approached and talked to him in Russian. She reminded him of the provisions of the Helsinki Treaty. I, as a journalist, was entitled to bring the book into the country. The supervisor disagreed. I was not an accredited journalist, but merely one visiting the country. The Helsinki Accords did not apply. With that, the second-most powerful country on earth seized my paperback book. I could pick it up on the way out of the country.

But I won't. The customs supervisor is right about the book, right about all books: They really are dangerous, full of ideas and information and this one is no exception. The Russians can have it, keep it, put it somewhere so that some day, maybe, one of the very customs officials who eyed the book like it could bite, will pick it up and read it.

It may be a beginning. (Copyright, Washington Post Writers Group)

China on the line

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel and the People's Republic of China opened their first telephone connections last week. Calls now go through the telephone exchange in each country but direct dialing will become possible in the not-too-distant future.

Israel radio recorded and broadcast the first

telephone conversation between the countries at the opposite ends of the Asian continent. It was between the supervisors at their respective exchanges. The Chinese supervisor asked her Tel Aviv counterpart how to spell the name Israel. She wasn't quite sure where it is located.

World-National

Chairperson of CJC national executive

Holocaust experience shaped Koschitzky's life

On June 4, nine Toronto women, leaders in the Jewish community, will be honored at a State of Israel Bonds Women's Division Tribute Dinner at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. One of these "Women of Valor" is Mira Koschitzky, who was recently elected chairperson of the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress.

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Mira Koschitzky has come a long way.

From the time when as a child she and her family had to hide from the Nazis and rely on the good graces of Gentile farmers not to betray them, to her comfortable life in Toronto



Mira Koschitzky

near the top of the Canadian Jewish Congress hierarchy Koschitzky is a living reminder of survivors who rebuilt their lives after the Holocaust.

For Koschitzky, surviv-

ing the Holocaust was a seminal event, and she still refers to it as "influencing me for the rest of my life."

Back in 1944, the fact of the Nazi tyranny hit her family with a vengeance.

Living in a village just outside Bratislava in Czechoslovakia, her family had managed to avoid deportation because her father was considered an economically important Jew. Along with some well placed bribes, that managed to keep the Nazi talons off the family.

But it all changed in 1944 when Germany took over from the local puppet regime and all exemptions from deportation became void. To avoid the Nazis the family sent Mira and her younger sister, Lili, to live with a peasant family.

That family saved their lives, Koschitzky recalls, and she commends their valor, since by hiding Jews — even those who had temporarily converted to Christianity as her family did — they risked execution.

From late summer to December 1944, Mira and her sister lived a life of deception, until her parents, who had obtained false papers, collected them and with the girls, moved in with other "righteous Gentiles."

That life lasted until the liberation of Czechoslovakia in March, 1945, and in 1947, the family, having been sponsored by relatives, emigrated to Canada.

Living in fear of the Nazis, leading a double life, having to convert to Christianity, left an indelible mark on Koschitzky.

"The Holocaust made me a much more committed Jew," she says. "It may sound phony, but (to me) it's one way of proving Hitler wrong: by being a committed Jew."

For Koschitzky, a warm and unassuming woman, her commitment to things Jewish started relatively early. From her university days as a member of the Student Zionist Organization and Hillel to her current position as chairwoman of the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, Koschitzky has made her commitment to Jewish concerns tangible and real.

Her latest achievement, winning election at the recent Congress plenary assembly, would have sur-

prised her back in the days in Calgary when she and her husband Saul were concerned with raising their three children in an Orthodox environment and making a life for themselves.

At first, her involvement in Jewish communal activities was limited to the synagogue sisterhood, where she acted as vice-president, and as president of a Hadassah chapter.

It was Saul who was involved in building the Jewish Community Council of Calgary back in the mid-60s, but his involvement in such activities became limited after undergoing open heart surgery 11 years ago, after the family moved to Toronto.

Refugee issue priority

Mira's involvement in local community affairs started at a modest level as president of the PTA of Associated Hebrew Schools, which her three children, David, Joel and Tamar, attended.

From there she became a member of the board of a variety of Jewish organizations and hospitals and was active on the Congress activity concerned with Soviet Jewry.

In 1980, she was offered the task of being CJC plenary chairwoman, a position her sister-in-law Julia Koschitzky held at the recent plenary, and that year also saw her elected chairwoman of CJC Ontario Region.

Now, holding a position that puts her among the chief policy makers of Congress, Koschitzky plans to bring her life experiences to bear when it comes to setting priorities. Having lived in Calgary, a small Jewish community by Toronto standards, has "made me sensitive to the concerns of small communities," she says. "People don't realize how dif-

ficult it is to remain Jewish in smaller communities."

Pointing to the high intermarriage rate in Calgary (about 50%), Koschitzky voices concern over the phenomenon of "the disappearing Jew."

Her solution is "support for Jewish education, not only for children, but for adults too."

If you don't know what being a Jew means, then you won't be committed or knowledgeable enough to remain Jewish, she says.

Get Jewish adults involved in issues of concern to the community, whether it be oppressed Jewry, Holocaust memorials, law and social action, and they will be educated through their involvement, she argues.

Koschitzky says her involvement won't be limited to the so-called motherhood issues. She wants to get involved in controversial matters too.

"I think Congress has a role to play on issues of social injustice," she says, but it must pick and choose them with care.

Concern over Canadian policy vis-a-vis

refugees is near the top of her list, since "having been in a position of not being allowed in, we should push the issue."

Supporting visible minorities in their fight against discrimination is a second priority for Koschitzky.

But she disagrees with Congress' recent resolution to take a position against the reimposition of capital punishment in Canada. It's "too divisive" an issue within the community, she says.

Working to see Nazi war criminals prosecuted is high on her agenda, though she says we must wait and see the Deschenes Commission's report before deciding on a course of action such as political lobbying.

And involving youth in communal activities, including leadership roles, is a good step to ensure Jewish continuity, she says.

With Koschitzky's commitment and initiative following her harrowing early years, little wonder she has been named a "Woman of Valor."

"Major, serious errors" in Mideast coverage, says U.S. journalist

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

There is no systematic pro-Israel or pro-Arab bias in the American media. But there have been "major and serious errors" in the coverage of the Middle East, says an investigative journalist who has exposed Saudi Arabian influence peddling in the U.S.

Steve Emerson, author of *The American House of Saud*, spoke at a luncheon on the media and the Middle East sponsored by Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East and Canadian Academic Foundation for Peace in the Middle East.

Emerson, now employed by U.S. News and World Report, listed several examples of how the media have been biased.

"Many reporters, he said, rely on less than objective sources — former American diplomats in the pay of Arab interests — to compile their dispatches."

Emerson said that more than 200 ex-diplomats currently serve as paid lobbyists of Arab countries like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Two of them are former ambassadors to Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Often, he pointed out, they mislead the public by writing newspaper articles without identifying themselves as lobbyists.

The American press doesn't do enough investigative reporting, particularly into the financial background of lobbyists, Emerson stated. When ex-Vice President Spiro Agnew went around the country blasting Israel and casting aspersions on so-called Jewish influence, the press neglected to report that he was in the employ of two Arab governments



Steve Emerson

— Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

•Israel receives closer scrutiny of alleged human rights violations than Arab countries.

There have been stories describing Israel's methods of controlling the West Bank, but the reporting of repression of Shiites in Saudi Arabia has either been non-existent or uncritical, he charged.

•The coverage of the 1982 war in Lebanon was, by and large, fair. But the media's portrayal of Lebanon was such that a reader might not have known that Lebanon was wracked by deep-seated problems before Israel's invasion.

As well, Emerson said, there was little reporting, in the pre-1982 period, of how the PLO ran southern Lebanon like its own fiefdom.

•In fast-breaking developments, the media lack "critical judgment."

During the 1985 TWA hijacking in Beirut, the Lebanese Shiite hijackers were given a daily platform for their views. In future terrorist incidents, the media should impose upon itself a code of self-

discipline, Emerson advised.

He said that, in terms of column inches, Middle East news is allotted more room than any other foreign policy issue facing the U.S.

From 1948 to 1973, he continued, the American press was generally pro-Israel. And this was partly the case because a disproportionate number of publishers, editors and reporters are Jewish.

But in the wake of the Arab oil embargo, following the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the press adopted an even-handed stance toward Israel and the Arabs.

Jewish publishers, editors and reporters, he suggested, bent over backwards to be balanced.

Emerson speculated that the current oil glut has weakened the Saudi lobby in the U.S. Proof of that is Congress' reluctance to approve the sale of \$354 million worth of missiles to Saudi Arabia.

John Barei, a University of Toronto professor, presented a study showing the extent to which the Middle East has become important on Canadian TV newscasts.

T.A. Keenleyside, of the University of Windsor, said the Canadian press tends to emphasize violence and conflict in the Middle East.

He said that foreign wire services provide Canadians with most of their news about the Middle East.

Another University of Windsor academic, B.E. Burton, noted that the coverage of Canada's role in the region has been disappointingly sparse.

He said that, in the absence of major disturbances in the Middle East, the press is likely to be reasonably balanced in the presentation of the Arab-Israeli dispute.



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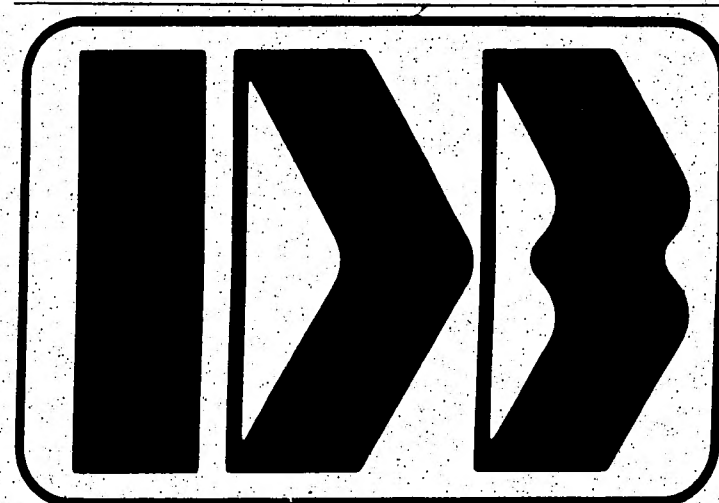
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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Was the Gaon Reb Moshe Feinstein z.l. an extremist or a moderate in halacha?

The Hebrew weekly, Hadoar, in its April 11 issue, carries an article by the world famous Pinchas H. Peli on "Rabbi Moshe Feinstein — 'American' Rav." It's a good piece of journalism in which Peli sets the stage expertly, telling us how he was sitting in the library of Cornell University, the Ivy League school with its beautiful green lawns and its thousands of bustling students.

He had in front of him the large bulky volume, the Iggeros Moshe, the responsa of Rav Feinstein, which was studying for aspects of Jewish sociology in America, when the news of the death of Reb Moshe, and the huge funeral processions that followed his bier, reached him via the New York Times.

Peli concludes his article with this statement: "The masses that gathered to give him this last honor at his funeral, both in New York and Jerusalem, testify to the depth of the inner desire existing in devout Jewish circles to be distant from extremism, that extremism now increasingly spreading." Reb Moshe was the only man who could stand against extremism.

As proof of this moderation, Peli cites a responsum in which Reb Moshe was asked whether one is obligated to leave a synagogue which plants the flag of Israel on one side of the Ark, and the flag of the U.S.A. on the other side. Reb Moshe replied that while it is highly improper to place flags in the synagogue, and beside the Ark is especially wrong, but one should not leave the synagogue for that reason, nor set out to make another minyan. Peli did not give us the location of this responsum. Let me give it to you. It's in volume 1, O.H., 46, page 105.

What is our attitude towards the child of a Jewish mother and a non-Jewish father? If the mother is Jewish the child is Jewish. Should a boy born of such a union have a bar mitzvah? You would think that such a lad is entitled to have his bar mitzvah in the synagogue. But, when Reb Moshe was asked this question by a rabbi whose name he would not give, the answer was: No!

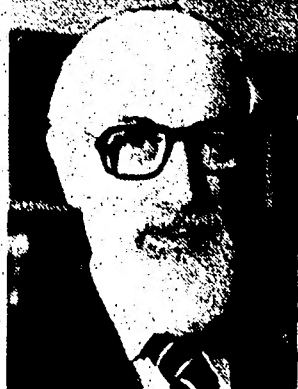
His position is that, while the child is Jewish, there can be no bar mitzvah for this boy, as long as his parents remain together. "He is not to be called to the Torah on the day of his bar mitzvah, and there shall be no celebration there." Is this not extreme? It is, and for good and sufficient reason. It is "to check lawlessness," and for that reason the child should not be admitted as a Talmud Torah student. This is found in O.H., part 2 (1963) responsum 73, page 266.

A shochet who serves as a ba'al tefillah in a synagogue where a microphone is used on Shabbat is disqualified as a shochet, according to Iggeros Moshe, Y.D. part 2 (1973) responsum 4. A shochet who serves as a sexton in a Conservative synagogue loses all credibility as a shochet, according to the same volume, responsum 12.

Peli took a random sampling of Reb Moshe's responsa. He missed reading these. Had he read them he could not have been a Sabbath lecturer in two Conservative synagogues in Toronto this past year.

The Earl of Birkenhead who knew how to evaluate a great judge has this quotation about one of the greatest: "He was a man of profound knowledge of the laws . . . and as just an observer of them in his own person. The prisoner knew that, through his spirit was broken with guilt and incapable of language to defend itself, all would be gathered from him which could conduce to his safety, and that his judge would wrest on law to destroy him nor conceal anything to save him."

Reb Moshe Feinstein z.l. was that kind of Dayan and judge.



Rabbi Burak

Mayor adopts Refusenik

Caravan welcomed in Winnipeg

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Network Freedom Caravan For Soviet Jewry arrived in Winnipeg on May 20 to an enthusiastic reception which Eli Cohen, co-chairman of the caravan, described as the best so far and a far cry from the experience in Sault Ste. Marie.

The caravan started in Halifax on May 11. The bus rolled into Sault Ste. Marie on Sunday May 18 to find a complete lack of interest. "There was no reception," said Lara Gork of Toronto. "We had to find our own accommodation. Everything we planned for the evening was cancelled."

In Thunder Bay on May 19, the story was different. Eli Cohen, of Winnipeg, described the program in Thunder Bay as, "very productive." The travelers were greeted by area MPs Ernie Epp and Ian Angus, the chairmen of the local council of clergymen, the community's multicultural director and an estimated 50 members of the community.

In Winnipeg, there was a dinner at the YMHA restaurant for the caravan crew, student organizers here, members of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and several



Students traveling on Network's Freedom Caravan For Soviet Jewry stand beside the bus that is carrying them across the country before holding a rally in front of the Ontario Legislature.

dignitaries. Several hundred people turned out on the steps of Manitoba's Legislative Building for the rally which was addressed by opposition party leaders Gary Filmon (Conservative) and Sharon Carstairs

(Liberal) as well as NDP MLA Marty Dolin, representing Premier Howard Pauley. WJCC president Marjorie Blankstein and caravan chairmen Leora Silver of Toronto and Cohen who read a letter of support the students received from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney during their stop in Ottawa.

Winnipeg Mayor William Norrie adopted Refusenik Moshe Abramov on behalf of the city of Winnipeg and gave a stand-in a copy of Abramov's official citizenship papers, the original of which was mailed to Abramov in the Soviet Union.

One of the rally's highlights was a mock funeral for the Soviet constitution with a eulogy delivered by student Ben Nimchonok who noted that Articles

121, 123, and 124 of the constitution which apply to Soviet Jews are blatantly violated on an ongoing basis. "The spirit of the Soviet constitution is therefore dead," he said. He called for a minute of silence to mourn the document.

Shloshir leads singing

Shloshir — a local musical trio — led the crowd in songs following the speakers and the subsequent partying continued into the

warm spring evening. Caravan's arrival and the rally received heavy and favorable coverage in the local media.

The 25-30 travelers who came into Winnipeg reported some weariness after nine days on the road, but spirits are still high with lots of singing on the bus, wide ranging discussions on Judaism and ongoing preparations. Six or seven more students joined the bus in Winnipeg and Cohen expects a few more will join as the caravan continues on its westward journey.

"It's great being with a group of students, all roughly the same age, traveling across Canada," said Lara Gork. "It's a nice feeling that we are doing this ourselves with no adults organizing for us."

BB: Anti-semitism rises in Argentina

NEW YORK —

A sharp increase in "the tempo and scope" of anti-semitic activities in Argentina has been reported by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

According to the latest issue of the agency's Latin American Report, a major theme of the Argentine anti-semites is that "Jews represent a threat to the nation's sovereignty and that the Radical Party, led by President Raul Alfonsín, is involved in a Jewish plot to seize territory."

The publication, which reports periodically on issues and events in Latin America and the Caribbean affecting Jewish communities in the region and the State of Israel, declared that Argentine anti-semites have revived a new version of the infamous "Andinia Plan," a discredited fabrication that Jews were plotting to take over the country.

According to the ADL report, "La Nacion, a major Buenos Aires daily, reported without qualification that the Jewish community was studying the possibility of establishing a settlement of 10,000 'Israelis' within 10 years in the southern tip of Argentina."

The La Nacion article declared that a study of the area is being carried out by hundreds of Jewish backpackers and that a so-called "Israeli spokesman" has said that the project has the approval of Argentine authorities.

The ADL report went on to say that Dr. David Goldberg, president of DAIA, the Jewish community's umbrella organization, has denounced the newspaper account as "one of many tall tales" promoted by anti-semites. DAIA, B'nai B'rith and other organizations in the Jewish community also protested anti-semitic chanting by participants in a strike rally convened by Saul Ubaldini, leader of the CGT, the nation's largest union.

Other information in ADL's Latin American Report included the following.

- The Brazilian ministry of foreign affairs is investigating the PLO's acquisition of heavy arms manufactured in Brazil. Brazil is selling tanks, armored personnel carriers, and fighter airplanes to Libya in defiance of the United States boycott of the government of Mouammar Quadafi. Trade between Brazil and Libya, including military equipment and high technology products, will total (U.S.) \$1 billion, or more in 1986.

- After the earthquake in Mexico, some newspapers printed Streicher-like political cartoons and anti-semitic articles accusing Jewish factory owners of being "more eager to rescue their machinery and merchandise than the workers who were trapped or killed."

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Saudis withdraw controversial request

Reagan's veto sets stage for arms sale battle

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The suspense over whether President Reagan can go ahead with his proposed sale of missiles to Saudi Arabia will last until at least June 3, when Congress returns from its Memorial Day hiatus.

Last week, Reagan vetoed the congressional resolution rejecting the arms sale and sent the veto message immediately over to the Senate.

The President, who had earlier been busy calling senators in an effort to get

the 34 votes needed to sustain the veto in the Senate, apparently believed he had been successful.

But when Majority Leader Robert Dole sought to schedule a vote before the Senate adjourned, the Democrats threatened a filibuster and Dole had no choice but to postpone the vote until next month.

Senate Minority Leader Robert Byrd said the Democrats were only repaying the Republicans in kind. "We all know that the administration delayed until they

felt confident they had the votes," he said.

Both sides expressed confidence that the delay would help them. The White House said it would "go to work" on senators.

The Senate rejected the Saudi sale by a 73-22 vote, and the House by a 356-62 vote, the first time that Congress blocked a presidential arms sale.

Both votes were well above the two-thirds needed to override a veto. But since both houses must override the veto to block

the sale again, the administration concentrated on the Republican-controlled Senate rather than the Democratic-controlled House.

The administration's position was helped when Saudi Arabia withdrew its request for 800 Stinger shoulder-fired ground-to-air missiles. This had been the most controversial part of the \$354 million arms package, since many in Congress expressed the fear that the portable weapon could fall in the hands of terrorists.

Reagan's veto message was accompanied by a letter to Dole confirming that the Stingers would be eliminated from the sale. The Saudis would still receive 1,666 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles and 100 Harpoon air-to-sea missiles at a cost of about \$250 million.

Meanwhile, Sen. Alan Cranston, who led the opposition to the sale, criticized the administration for seeking to make the opposi-

tion to the sale a Jewish issue. He said the opposition was based on the national interest of the United States.

The government of Israel and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), while voicing opposition to the sale, did not campaign against it. Some Jewish groups, however, such as the Zionist Organization of America and Americans for a Safe Israel, did campaign against it.

Sen. Richard Lugar, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, suggested to Reagan that he seek the active support of the sale from Jewish leaders.

The administration did appear to be taking this advice, but the death of Yehuda Hellman, executive vice-chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, caused the cancellation of a meeting with the Presidents Conference. While House spokesman Larry Speakes denied the administration

was seeking Jewish support.

The fight over the arms sale is only a prelude to what may be a more important battle, which will come when the administration presents to Congress the certification required to begin delivery of the AWACS sold to the Saudis in 1981.

Reagan, at the time, promised that he would certify that the Saudis

were helpful in the peace process. But one of the major arguments by congressional opponents of the arms sale was that the Saudis have hindered the U.S. peace efforts in the Middle East.

Opponents also express anger that the Saudis bankroll the Palestine Liberation Organization and Syria and criticized the U.S. raid on Libya.

W. Germany bans 2 neo-Nazi groups

BONN (JTA) —

A federal court in West Berlin has confirmed a government ban on two neo-Nazi organizations believed to be led by Michael Kuehn, who is serving a prison sentence for the dissemination of anti-semitic propaganda and other offenses.

The groups are the Peoples Movement Against Penetration by Foreigners and the People's Socialist Movement

which, according to the court, do not conceal their loyalty to the policies and ideology of Hitler and the Nazi party, a criminal offence under West German law.

The court held that since the two organizations are not political parties within the meaning of the law, they are not eligible for the privilege accorded political parties to state their policies.

Canadians to attend LA Hebrew U meet

TORONTO —

A large Canadian delegation is expected to attend the upcoming International Conference of Friends of the Hebrew University, being held from Sept. 17-21 in Los Angeles, organizers say.

"The conference will feature the best speakers Israel and the Hebrew University have to offer, wrapped in a package only Hollywood could produce," said Dr. Gerald Halbert, national president of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

In a recent interview, Halbert said the conference, under the direction of honorary chairman Barbra Streisand, promises to be one of the most successful ever.

Streisand dedicated the Emanuel Streisand Centre for Jewish Studies at the Hebrew university last year.

The academic sessions, concentrating on the high standards of academic research and teaching at the Hebrew University, will be complemented by a series of star-studded galas and tours.

"This won't be just another academic conference," said Halbert,



Barbra Streisand

who added that the Celebrity Host Committee is made up of such Hollywood stalwarts as Frank Sinatra, Gregory Peck, Dinah Shore, Jan Murray, Steve Lawrence, Edye Gorme, Jack Klugman, Florence Henderson and Theodore Bikel.

Conference guests will visit the Getty Museum in Malibu, followed by a luncheon at Blue Heaven, the beach-front home of Jerry and Jane Morgan Weintraub.

They will attend a black-tie opening dinner chaired by Gregory Peck with a Las Vegas headliner, an Israeli festival of welcome,

a luncheon at Pickfair, and on the final evening, a black-tie Hollywood extravaganza at the 20th Century Fox Film Studios.

Prominent leaders of the Los Angeles Jewish community will open their homes to provide Shabbat dinners for out-of-town delegates.

Halbert noted that the academic portion of the conference is not taking a back stage. Participants in the Conference's academic sessions, meetings and workshops include professors Shlomo Avineri (political science), Yehuda Bauer (Holocaust and anti-semitism), Naomi Chazan (Third World), Galia Golan (Soviet relations), Itzhak Parnas (science), and Yehoshua Prawer (history).

The university's administration will be represented by vice-president Bernard Cherrick, Knesset member Simcha Dinitz and Chancellor Abraham Harman.

For more information, contact Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Suite 208, 1 Yorkdale Rd., Toronto, M6A 3A1, (416) 789-2633. In Montreal, telephone 932-2133.

Sharir surprised by Greek welcome

ATHENS (JTA) —

Greek Foreign Minister Karlos Papoulas, regarded as the most pro-Arab minister in the Socialist government of Premier Andreas Papandreou, seemed to go out of his way to disavow that reputation at a meeting here last week with Israel's minister of tourism, Avraham Sharir.

Sharir, on a 5-day official visit concerned mainly with tourism and economic matters, paid a courtesy call on the foreign minister and was apparently surprised by the warmth of his welcome. Papoulas stressed that "our differences on the political level should not interfere with the process of forming closer

ties between Israel and Greece."

He added, "We realize Israel's importance and its role in the future."

He also affirmed that Greece recognizes Israel's right to exist within secure borders but made no reference to the Palestinian question in connection with Israel's right. He went on to extend a formal invitation to the Israeli ministers of agriculture, science and industry to visit Greece.

At the end of their meeting, Papoulas waived the usual protocol and escorted his guest out of the foreign ministry and shook hands with him in front of photographers. Sharir is the first Israeli

cabinet minister to visit Greece in official capacity since 1962.

He met earlier with Kostas Simitis, the minister of economy, and they agreed that combating international terrorism should be one of the main objectives of the newly strengthened cooperation between Greece and Israel.

Observers here said the Greeks doubtlessly are trying their best to improve relations with Israel. But they are exercising extreme caution. Apart from picture-taking sessions, Sharir's visit had little coverage in the local media. An Israeli diplomatic source agreed that the rhetoric has improved but so far he has seen "nothing concrete."

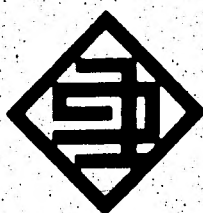
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Conservative groups responsum:

Female prayer groups OK

NEW YORK —

The Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism has issued a responsum — a Jewish legal opinion — that women are permitted to hold prayer groups, and that a woman may lead them. However, such a group may not be considered a minyan (a quorum of 10 for the purpose of fulfilling the prayer obligations of men.)

The symposium was issued in Hebrew (with an English summary) by the UTCJ's Panel of Halachic Inquiry, which includes the Talmudic scholar Rabbi David Weiss-Halivni of New York. A responsum is an answer to a formally posed question on what is

permissible according to halacha, and is based on Jewish legal precedent and tradition. A responsum recently issued by a group of prominent Orthodox rabbis has held that women's prayer groups are not permissible.

The UTCJ responsum, written by Rabbi Wayne Allen of Lakewood, Calif., declared: "In this day and age it is incumbent upon us to retain every Jewish man and woman and to encourage them to further observance in every way possible and permissible. Thus it would be counterproductive to forbid women's prayer groups — which are halachically licit — where active and

committed Jewish women came to serve G-d with love and reverence."

The responsum cites passages of the Talmud and other sources in ruling that women's prayer groups are permitted, though not mandatory. The responsum also cites Jewish historical precedent, recalling Urvanah of Worms, a noted woman prayer leader of 13th century Germany.

The responsum also cites a recent opinion in the name of Rabbi Moses Feinstein, in which this leading Orthodox rabbinic authority concluded that a pious woman may read Torah for other pious women if care is taken not to suggest that this would fulfil the obligation of

public Torah reading for men.

On the question of counting women in a minyan, the responsum states: "... the essence of the quorum of ten is the principle of sharing the same obligation ... only those with the same obligation can fulfil that obligation for one another." In addition, "while it is clear that women may lead prayer services for other women, it need be emphasized ... that women cannot lead the prayer service (act as a shaliach tzibur) to fulfil the public prayer obligation for men."

The Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism was founded in 1983 for the purpose of promoting traditional halachic Judaism, both within the Conservative Movement and throughout the Jewish community. UTCJ headquarters are located in Mount Vernon, New York; over 2,500 families in the United States, Canada and Israel are members.



DOUBLE HONOR

Anatoly Scharansky holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree awarded to his wife, Avital, by Yeshiva University during his recent visit to New York. Scharansky accepted the honor for his wife and also received the university's Centennial Medallion. At left is Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva U and at right, Dr. Israel Miller, senior vice-president.

Conference of Presidents' Hellman dies at age 66

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Yehuda Hellman, for 25 years executive vice-president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, died of a heart attack last week in a St. Louis hospital.

He was 66 years old and lived in Manhattan.

Hellman was delivering a speech to the semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the Doubletree Hotel, in

Chesterfield, a suburb of St. Louis, when he suffered the attack. Efforts to revive him failed, and he died shortly afterwards in hospital.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Hellman was a graduate of the American University in Beirut. He worked as a foreign correspondent in London, Paris, Beirut and Damascus for several publications, including The Jerusalem Post.

A leading authority on the Middle East and U.S. foreign policy, Hellman conferred with numerous foreign dignitaries, including the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. He met President Hosni Mubarak on several occasions in his capacity as executive vice-chairman of the Presidents Conference, the umbrella group of the 40 largest American Jewish religious and secular bodies.

Hellman was also a member of the international steering committee of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry and was a former secretary general of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations and Communities on Soviet Jewry.

Schindler condition improved

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The condition of Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the American Jewish leader who suffered a heart attack while touring Masada, was reported on Friday (May 23) by the Soroka Hospital in Beer-sheva to have improved slightly.

He has made it through the critical first 24 hours, the hospital said.

The leader of the Reform Jewish movement and former head of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, suffered a heart attack 12 years ago but was believed to have fully recovered before the current attack.

Schindler's wife is the only person presently allowed to visit him in the Soroka intensive care unit.

Peres' plan discussed at summit—Andreotti

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti of Italy told Premier Shimon Peres at a meeting here last week that Peres' proposal for a Middle East Marshall Plan to stem the region's economic deterioration was raised at the Western economic summit meeting in Tokyo earlier this month.

It was attended by the U.S. and the major industrialized nations of Europe, with the Japanese serving as hosts.

Andreotti, who was here for a 3-day official visit, also met with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. His talks focused

on the problem of international terrorism. In that connection, Andreotti reportedly agreed with Shamir that the 1980 Venice Declaration by the European Economic Community (EEC) minister that the Palestine Liberation Organization should be "associated" with Mideast peace talks no longer has any practical validity.

Andreotti came to Israel shortly after a former chief of the Italian secret service disclosed an alleged deal between the Italian foreign minister and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi in the 1970s to improve Italian

trade with Libya in return for Italy's immunity from terrorist attacks.

But Italy's position on terrorism has apparently changed. Andreotti's talk with Peres and Shamir were held in a friendly atmosphere and the Italian diplomat said afterwards that he agreed with the Israelis on the need to strengthen existing cooperation to fight terrorism. This was also one of the agreements that emerged from the Tokyo summit.

Andreotti said: "If the cooperation succeeds in preventing terrorism, we shall not need to resort to military means."

Parents of olim to meet in Toronto

TORONTO —

More than 200 delegates representing 43 chapters across the U.S. and Canada of Parents of North American Israelis are expected to participate in the group's 10th national convention, June 1-3 in Toronto.

Toronto chapter president Bernard Rubin, convention chairman, told The Canadian Jewish News that this is the first PNAI convention to be hosted here and the first to be hosted by a chapter in its home town.

"We're all set and ready to go," said Charles King, a national vice-president and convention organizer.

Events planned include discussions, addresses,

presentations and plenaries, as well as guided tours of the Toronto area.

Theme of the convention is Building A Strong Israel — A Guarantee for the Future of Our Children. Speakers include: Gideon Saguy, consul-general of Israel; Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education; and Shira Herzog Bessin, director of the Canada-Israel Committee. Humorous Julie Sokoloff will entertain at the Tuesday luncheon.

Six separate workshops with in-depth discussions will be conducted by PNAI members. Two 1-hour workshops will allow general participation.

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SHANKMAN — KREPSCHMER

Ray Shankman, of Montreal, enquires about his surname. He has heard two versions of its meaning "saloon keeper" and "gift giver."

SCHENK in German is a tavern. Schenker is a bartender and Schenkman sells wines and spirits. Weinschenker (anglicized to Winesanker) and Weininger dispense wines. The Slavonic equivalent for inkeeper is KARCZMARK. In Yiddish, it's KRETSCHMER.

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By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Premier Robert Bourassa paid tribute to the late "Mr. Sam" Steinberg as an example to today's generation of entrepreneurs for his emphasis on the creation of jobs.

The guest speaker at the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science dinner in honor of the Helen and Sam Steinberg family, Bourassa said he foresees a "new economic era" for Quebec and his government is seeking greater deregulation and privatization of industry.

In his brief address, the premier said he senses a "new maturity" among taxpayers which allows them to accept the "small tax increase" in the recent provincial budget if they believe the government is managing the economy in an efficient way.

Bourassa said he hoped the budget will encourage new businesses and risk capital through the tax advantages offered, as well as cut Quebec's \$209 million deficit.

Bourassa described free trade with the United States as essential to increasing or even maintaining our standard of living. A "period of transition to protect vulnerable industries" will likely be necessary though, he said.

More study should also be given to reducing the trade barriers within Canada between provinces, he said.

The accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant has had the effect of making the world reconsider its hopes for the development of nuclear energy, said Bourassa, who indicated the turn of events will not hurt his pet project of expanding the export of Quebec's hydro-electric power.

Energy was a recurring theme of the evening, a major gift made by the Steinberg family as well as donations from the 325 persons attending the dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel will be used to create the Helen and Sam Steinberg Family Plaza outside the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research on the Weizmann campus in Rehovot, and fund its continuing research. This project was launched by the Society in 1982 and is expected to be completed next year.

In addition to Helen Steinberg, Sam's widow, his three daughters — Marilyn Cobrin, Evelyn Alexander and Mitzi Dobrin — and son-in-law Mel Dobrin, chairman of the board of the Society's Montreal Chapter, were seated at the head table.

Mitzi said that from the Weizmann Institute's inception, her parents recognized that the university is "an expression of the lofty aspirations that give Israel its unique character" and that the pursuit of scientific knowledge can be a civilizing force in the world.

Dobrin, until recently a vice-president of Steinberg Inc.'s Miracle Mart

division, noted that building the giant merchandising conglomerate was very much a family affair. "Father never made a major decision without consulting mother," she said.

The dinner, chaired by Victor Goldbloom, who was a cabinet minister in the former Bourassa government, also celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Canadian Society for the

Weizmann Institute and the founders were honored.

Murray Koffler of Toronto, the founding president of the Society and now chairman emeritus, recalled that the group was created at a luncheon of 29 people at Montreal's Montefiore Club in May, 1966. The late Henry Benson became chairman of the provisional committee and the late Stephen Barber

the society's first executive director.

In the fall of that year, a meeting was held in Toronto at the home of Sam and Ayala Zacks where the Toronto chapter was formed. Meyer Weisgal, Weizmann's president, soon after appointed Koffler national president of the Canadian Society.

Since then the society has formed chapter across

the country and counts 4,000 persons on its roster of supporters, he said.

The Canadian Jewish community has 24 major projects at Weizmann and established 25 scholarships and bursaries. Sam Steinberg was one of the university's initial supporters in Canada and, in 1979, the Melvyn A. Dobrin Centre for Nutrition and Plant Research was launched.

Koffler said that when the Canadian Centre for the Energies and Applied Research is completed in 1987 it will be "in the forefront of energy research in the world." Academic exchange between Weizmann and Canadian scientists has continued over the years.

Besides Koffler, original Society members cited during the evening were Lavy Becker, Joseph Berman, Joseph Guttman, Arthur Rudnikoff, Leo Perkell, Leo Yaffe, I.C. Pollack and Mel Dobrin. Bertha Benson accepted an award on behalf of her late husband Henry Benson; Erika Barber for her late husband Stephen Barber; Justine Cartier for her late husband Louis Bloomfield; and Norma Betty Benson for her late father Hyman Grover.



James F. Kay, national chairman of the board of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, presents a scroll of appreciation to Helen Steinberg (centre) and her three daughters (from left) Evelyn Alexander, Marilyn Cobrin and Mitzi Dobrin.



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DIARY

...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Painter-sculptor Harry Lieberman died June 3, 1982 in his adopted hometown of Great Neck, Long Island, at 106. The leonine-headed artist, described as a "primitive Chagall" and a "Jewish Grandma Moses," began his career at 80 years of age.

Lieberman was born in the Jewish village of Gnieshev outside Warsaw, its top yeshiva student. He was expected to succeed his uncle as the community's chassidic rabbi. Defying tradition, he left for the U.S. in 1906, with one valise and \$6. Four years later, he sent for his wife Sophie. With \$400, they opened a wholesale confectioner's shop in New York's Lower East Side. They prospered, and eventually retired, when he was 74. For the next six years, he played chess at a local golden age club.

When his longtime partner called in sick, Lieberman yielded to the importunings of a young volunteer to try an art class. He told her he never picked up a paint brush before. The volunteer chided his first efforts: "You lied to me. You're an accomplished artist." Lieberman was telling the truth. Impressed by the naturalness and emotion in his paintings, she encouraged him on. In an interview 25 years later, he said she revived him. "Those six years of retirement were the single most miserable years of my life. Boredom is the main thing that makes a man go down to his death."

Lieberman then took a 10-week evening course for aspiring painters. When, after three weeks, he asked his instructor why he was going around correcting every other student but him, the latter asked to buy one of Lieberman's canvasses. It was his first sale. He proceeded to buy art supplies and depict scene after scene from shtetl life and traditional lore.

His style is elementary and unsophisticated. In his childlike perspectives, everything shares the same plane. The illusion of distance that marks trained artists is noticeably absent — a statement in itself. Frocked chassidim tower over linden and ash trees that often grow trunk from crown to the top of the canvas. The compositions are complex, their colors glowing with life. Scenes from the Bible, Talmud and Kabbala are juxtaposed on the shtetl world of Lieberman's memory. All are unified by a personal outlook on life developed over several generations spanning two continents and two worlds. "What I learned about life is more important than what I did," he said. "This is what I put into my paintings."

In the 1930s, Lieberman managed to convince two of his brothers to join him. His mother died in 1939. His father was shot. A third brother, five sisters and almost every other Jewish man, woman and child in his village were killed in the gas chambers. The yeshiva traditions that he bitterly rejected in his youth welled up in him much later. Lieberman incorporated them in his memorialization of shtetl life, which included a series of paintings that he named I Remember. They also formed the basis of most of his other works. His study of Talmud, he said, also helped him develop the independent thought necessary for his artistic achievement.

The tension between belief and non-belief in God is obvious in paintings like Two Dreamers, in which a chassidic leader and a philosopher each present a view of Heaven. Shir HaMaalot (Psalm 121) depicts a white-bearded rabbi standing between an evergreen and a deciduous forest apparently pleading with uprisen eyes for his disappeared world; some of its former residents float high in the mottled sky above him.

Lieberman, who sold hundreds of canvases, had over 25 1-man shows. His works hang in the permanent collections of major galleries in Europe and North America and in the personal collections of international celebrities. Hundreds more canvases filled his Great Neck home, which he shared with a granddaughter's young family. He was the subject of several TV documentaries.

When you are active, he said, you don't have time to be old.

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Editorial

Threat from Syria

Several weeks ago, Syrian President Hafez Assad engaged in some typical Levantine rhetoric when he announced to his nation that the Golan Heights are in the middle of Syria rather than on the perimeter of the state.

This ominous remark reaffirms the belief entertained in Damascus that the State of Israel must be gobbled up in order to implement the grand imperialist strategy of Syria.

Assad's rhetoric is disquieting enough.

Reports from the Mideast indicate, however, that in recent months Assad has been moving from the linguistic to the concrete. The Syrian dictator has created a standing army of almost a million men.

He has equipped his troops with Russian ordnance of a highly sophisticated nature. The Soviets have also provided Syria with missile weaponry that even Warsaw-bloc countries do not possess.

In the recent past Assad has shown his willingness to deal ruthlessly with internal dissent. The city of Hama was almost obliterated by Assad's forces several years ago. Estimates of the victims went as high as 20,000.

If the Syrian president displays such ferocity against his own people, one can imagine the prospects for Israel in any renewal of fighting between the two countries.

Why Assad should now be activating the most belligerent of his policy options has been the subject of intense speculation. The most reasonable suggestion is that the president is undergoing tremendous domestic pressures — economic hardship, terrorist bombings in Damascus, political rivalries, Sunni discontent over Alawite domination of the government and intra-Arab feuding over Syria's backing of Iran in the Gulf war.

Israel has always been a convenient scapegoat for Arab regimes seeking to defuse internal problems. The focusing on an external enemy is an age old technique of dictators.

It would be tragic, however, if Assad thinks that Israel is willing to play the role of convenient lightning rod for the instabilities of Syria.

Israel has shown time and time again that when its vital security is threatened it will not hesitate to exercise the first law of life, the law of self-preservation.

Dishonors victims

Freedom of the press is one of the most cherished legacies of democratic societies. It is a privilege enjoyed only by newspapers and the other media in a small group of countries in this world.

It is a freedom unknown in totalitarian states: the Soviets do not recognize it, nor do the Arabs and Third World countries. Information in those societies is tightly controlled by governments in order to reflect the correct political line.

It is in this context that we wish to express our chagrin at the recent airing on NBC News of an interview with Abbu Abbas, one of the most despicable of the terrorist thugs active in the world today (CJN May 15).

The interview also had the distinction of featuring the architect of the Achille Lauro hijacking tell the world in no uncertain terms of his intention of launching murderous raids against Americans, since they were now number 1 targets of his minions.

The segment with Abbu Abbas was notable from many perspectives. It was conducted by Henry Champ an ex-CTV staffer who has made good on the American network. His interview with the terrorist leader was broadcast from an unnamed Arab country. Finally, the interview was conducted without any reference to the moral context in which assassins involve themselves.

We do not question NBC's right to present the interview. What we resent in this instance is the invocation of that right, in the guise of investigative reporting, to give a platform to a murderer.

In its search for sensationalism NBC has degraded the high mission which free media enjoy. It has dishonored the victims of Arab terrorism by according one of its major architects a patina of respectability.

There is one other disquieting aspect to the Abbu Abbas interview. If NBC news could locate and interview the man responsible for the death of Leon Klinghoffer, why cannot the police agencies do the same?

Religiously observant identify more

Polls document ties to Israel



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Now it's official.

A Hebrew University academic, Eytan Gilboa, has found that American Jews are strongly attached to Israel. Of course, no one will be surprised by this finding. But until he came along, no one had ever attempted a comprehensive analysis of the surveys taken of American Jewish opinion toward Israel.

Gilboa, whose study appears in a recent edition of Research Report, published by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in association with the World Jewish Congress, says the first poll on Jewish attitudes to Israel was conducted in September of 1945 by Elmo Roper.

The question he asked was: "A Jewish state in Palestine is a good thing for the Jews and every possible effort should be made to establish Palestine as a Jewish state or commonwealth for those who want to settle there."

Roper says that about 80% of the respondents agreed with this statement while only 10% disagreed.

In May 1948, just a few days after Israel's establishment, pollster George Gallup asked a representative sample of Jews in Baltimore whether they were in favor of the new state. Ninety percent said yes and a similar percentage also thought the U.S. was right to recognize Israel.

Gilboa, who is associated with the department of international relations and communications, examined more recent surveys. In 1981, the Yankelovich poll found that 93% of the respondents said that the continuation of Israel as a Jewish state "is important," while only 5% held an opposite opinion. Two years later, the American Jewish Committee found that 91% expressed favorable feelings toward Israel, with 43% saying they were "very pro-Israel" and 48% indicating they were "pro-Israel."

Both surveys showed that the great majority would feel a great personal loss if Israel were destroyed.

There is a definite link between religious observance and ethnic identification with Israel, Gilboa points out. Jews with a sense of commitment to Jewish life and a degree of religious observance exhibited high levels of commitment to Israel. More so than Conservative and Reform Jews, Orthodox Jews saw Israel as a spiritual centre for the Jewish people. During the early 1980s, when Menachem Begin was Prime

Minister, Orthodox Jews were more supportive of Israel's foreign policy.

A 1981 Harris survey reported that, whereas 58% of observant Jews visited Israel, only 21% of secularist Jews could make the same claim.

Jews are lukewarm toward the idea of aliyah.

In a 1981 survey commissioned by the American Jewish Committee, only 12% concurred with the statement that "each American Jew should give serious thought to settling in Israel." A 1983 survey reported that only 17% of American Jews ever "seriously considered" living in Israel.

The dual loyalty question does not bother most Jews. In 1981 and 1983, the American Jewish Committee asked respondents whether there were times "when my devotion to Israel comes into conflict with my devotion to America." In 1981, 72% disagreed and 25% agreed. In 1983, 65% disagreed and 24% agreed.

A more sensitive question was posed by Yankelovich in 1981: "If the U.S. and Israel ever broke off relations, with whom do you think most American Jews would side with in the dispute?"

Forty three percent said most would come down on the U.S. side, 26% selected Israel, 14% both and 17% neither side.

In a 1979 Gallup poll, only 14% agreed with the statement that "most American Jews are more loyal to Israel than the U.S."

In summarizing all the data, Gilboa reaches the inescapable conclusion that Jews in the U.S. have a continuing and strong attachment to Israel, and do not perceive any conflict between their loyalties to either nation. In concluding, he comments: "These trends are likely to continue as long as Israel is perceived as an important vehicle for American Jews to express their Jewishness as a means of protecting their ethnic survival."

RIGHTEOUS GENTILES

These are the stories of two Christians who saved Jews during the Holocaust.

Herman Graebe, who died last month at the age of 85, was the only German citizen to volunteer to testify for the prosecution at the 1946 Nuremberg trials.

During the war, he was a civilian contractor for the railroad administration of the Third Reich. In this capacity, he hired and protected hundreds of Jewish workers and provided transit visas, false identities and medical care for them. In a confrontation with an SS officer, he once rescued 100 Jewish workers from certain death.

After the war, at the Nuremberg tribunal, Graebe gave judges an eyewitness account of the killing of 5,000 Jews in the Ukrainian city of Dubno. His damning testimony did not go down well with some of his fellow Germans. Graebe received threats against his life and he was socially ostracized and denied the means to establish or maintain a private engineering business.

In 1948, he took his family to the U.S. For many years he ran his own construction business in San Francisco, where he died.

Last month, in the small town of Dublin, 35 miles east of San Francisco, John Abranches received a plaque on his late father's behalf from the Jewish Community Relations Council.

His father, Aristides de Sousa Mendes do Amaral, was a Portuguese diplomat who is credited with saving more than 10,000 Jews.

Amaral did his good work by signing travel visas enabling Jews to travel to neutral Spain via France. He was based in the French city of Bordeaux.

Carrying out his work in defiance of orders, Amaral paid a heavy price for his insubordination. He was recalled to Lisbon, stripped of his post and the right to practice law, and written out of Portugal's official history of that period. He died in poverty in 1954.

His son, who lives in the U.S., has asked the Portuguese government to officially recognize his achievement.

ALIENATED JEWS

Can Jews in Germany and Austria ever feel at home again after the Holocaust?

Peter Sichrovsky, a 39-year-old freelance journalist born in Vienna, thinks not. In *Strangers In Their Own Land* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, \$22.50), he reaches the sombre conclusion that the postwar generation of Jews cannot look on Germany and Austria as home.



Peter Sichrovsky

On the basis of numerous interviews, Sichrovsky says that German and Austrian Jews lead double lives. "... we present a nearly unmarred apparently problem-free facade. On the other hand our inner life fluctuates between fear and aggression," he observes in this trenchant book.

Fritz, a Berliner, concedes that the West German government "protects and pampers" Jews. But he adds that he is nervous and fearful about living in Germany. "... I am not a German and never will be."

Susan, the daughter of German Jewish emigres in New York, hated Germans with a passion, yet she married one. She still feels uncomfortable in Berlin, and says she has been the object of racial slurs because she's been mistaken for a Turk.

Jeanette, also a Berliner, had her nose fixed so that she wouldn't be any "different" from "the others." But now she feels guilty about having "betrayed her Jewishness."

Martha, of Vienna, cannot have a normal relationship with Austrian men. "For Viennese intellectuals a Jewish woman is as exotic as a Thai woman." No one, she laments, accepts her as a woman. "I was the personification of their own problem with Jews... I became a dumping ground for their limited imagination, their insensitivity, their troubled relationship with the past."

Aryeh, an Israeli of German origin, is a leftist, homosexual artist. The most serious problem he has is loneliness. "... everyone is a potential enemy, however supportive he may appear." Aryeh says he has non-Jewish friends who make a point of stressing their liberal sentiments, but who become "insulting, crude and malicious" at the slightest disagreement.

Mario, a 26-year-old half-Jew, feels like a "stateless foreigner" in Germany. His father, the Jew, refused to reclaim his German citizenship. His mother, a blonde, blue-eyed Protestant, relinquished hers.

Aaron, an Orthodox Jew, feels no anti-semitism in Germany. But he says his children are like "exotic plants in a German forest." There is, he notes, "a wall of silence and uneasiness" between Germans and Jews.

Judging by Sichrovsky's illuminating pen portraits, Jews in Germany and Austria are a tormented, guilt-ridden lot. This reporter, having visited both countries, can confirm the accuracy of his diagnosis.

It is a historical fate they cannot escape in their lifetimes.

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Opinion

*Many hits include Swanee and Tea For Two***Fascinating recollections flow from lyricist Caesar**

GERRY MORRIS, who covers New York theatre and theatre personalities for The CJN, profiles songwriter Irving Caesar — one of the legends of Broadway. Morris is a member of Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

NEW YORK —

Front-ranking Broadway songwriter Irving Caesar has spent a good chunk of the last 70 years diligently depositing his royalty checks in a varied assortment of New York banks (unlike W. C. Fields who could never remember where his various bank accounts were).

Caesar's lyrics are solidly entrenched in the pantheon of American classics: Swanee, Tea For Two, Sometimes I'm Happy, Crazy Rhythm, If I Forget You, I Want To Be Happy, Just A Gigolo, Is It True What They Say About Dixie? and the oldtime lyricist has racked up at least 2,000 others.

He wisely counts his accomplishments, not his birthdays — which now number 91, and this is one Caesar they're not going to bury in a hurry. Other than failing vision, his health is as sound as the dollar (American, not Canadian). He is blessed with one of the best memories in show business. Anecdotes about George Gershwin, Sophie Tucker, Al Jolson and George M. Cohan flow in an unending stream of fascinating recollections.

The creative flame still burns brightly. "If I get an idea for a new song I have to write it or bust," he confessed.

Caesar belongs to a durable group of New Yorkers who work and thrive and still experience fresh successes at an age when their contemporaries have been felled by Father Time. The beloved and vibrant lyricist has outlasted all his collaborators, some of them the most remarkable composers of the century. Caesar's lyrics have been happily mated with the melodic likes of such immortals as George Gershwin, Vincent Youmans, Victor Herbert, Sigmund Romberg, and Rudolf Friml.

All this seemed like yesterday to cigar-chomping Irving Caesar as he shared reminiscences with me in a two-tiered interview. One took place in his midtown Manhattan apartment, high above the madding throng, and an earlier one in his 7th Ave. office which bulges with memory-lane mementos.



Caricature of Gerry Morris by Al Hirschfeld.

A man of ageless enthusiasm, he seems to have one of those faces that has New York carved all over it, made all the more evident by his gravely baritone voice which retains the rhythms of Manhattan's lower east side. Short and stocky, he has brown eyes behind thick glasses, a shock of white hair, and possesses enough charm to woo a bird off a branch. A spirited raconteur, he recalled some of the joyous chapters of his youth and his journey into the halcyon days of Tin Pan Alley. Like his good friend, George M. Cohan, Caesar is a "Yankee-Doodle-Andy, born on the 4th of July" — in the year 1895.

His parents were Romanian Jews who emigrated to America in 1892. Irving was the youngest of three children. His father, a lifelong radical, struggled in a second-hand book store on Grand St. on the Lower East Side, and was one of the founders of the Jewish Daily Forward. An idealist, a dreamer, a passionate devotee of Walt Whitman and the great philosophers, Caesar Sr. was immensely popular with his customers. "And no wonder," Irving said of his father, "I never saw him make an outright sale and put money in his pocket. I loved him dearly. I remember singing I Want To Be Happy to him on his deathbed. 'Papa, I said, 'everything is going to be fine. The show (No No Nanette) is going to be a hit. I've got wonderful songs, and I sang I Want To Be Happy, and his eyes gleamed."

Looking back on his childhood, Irving Caesar added: "I was a product of the people who ran



Irving Caesar

the settlement houses. I adored them all — they were wonderful women — devoted, dedicated." The settlements were supported by wealthy German Jewish bankers who introduced many famous people to the children. "It was my entrance into the greater world. Unfortunately, I was a restless little kid who was full of music and fun, and I didn't practice. But I did learn to play the piano with one hand and began to write poems and songs. I wrote my first song when I was 5." He then drew from his awesome memory and proceeded to regale me with Sailor Boy, an early snippet from his great repertoire.

Interviewing Caesar is like getting a free 1-man show, as he spontaneously interpolates one of his songs when he feels that the time is appropriate.

From PS20 he qualified for Townsend Harris High School, which was a bright kids' school and then on to the college of the City of New York. He left in his freshman year and plunged into a quixotic adventure as Henry Ford's personal stenographer and correspondent on Ford's peace ship expedition to Europe in 1915, which went with a cargo of good intentions to stop the spreading of war.

During the journey the automobile manufacturer became so fond of Caesar that he gave him a job on the Ford assembly line where he could learn the business from the ground up. Caesar confessed: "I was a good songwriter but a lousy mechanic." This sent him scampering back to his first love — lyric writing, and he was soon to embark on a new adventure — logging credits in Tin Pan Alley.

"George Gershwin and I talked of writing a song about the Swanee River during a 5th Ave. bus ride to Riverside Drive where the Gershwins lived. At the apartment there was a card game in progress but that didn't stop us. Gershwin sat at the piano and played the melody as I worked on the lyrics." Within half an hour they came up with a number that proved to be an American classic. Swanee did not catch fire until Al Jolson introduced it one night at the Winter Garden, and then it swept the nation.

"My songs were never autobiographical. Take Swanee. We had never seen the Swanee River — never been south of 14th St. After the song became a hit, we decided to take a trip south and look at the river that flowed gold for us. It was a lucky thing the song was written first. Then there was Lady Play Your Mandolin, written with Oscar Levant. I never knew a lady who could play a mandolin. I didn't especially like the mandolin and good as the song is, I got more of a bang out of hearing someone sing a parody of it. 'Lady, Let Your Mendel-In' than I did out of the original.

"Tea For Two" is strictly a figment of imagination inspired more or less by Youmans' immortal melody. I didn't know a girl to sip a cup of tea with. I wrote this in the speakeasy era when we all drank anything but tea — I was never a frustrated bachelor who would ever dream of the little woman getting up at daybreak just to 'bake a cake for all the boys to see.'"

His work on No No Nanette might not have occurred had he not been waiting outside the Friars' Club for the afternoon poker game. (He's the oldest living Friar — proposed by George M. Cohan 65 years ago). A famous librettist and lyricist, Otto Harbach, happened to pass by. "He persuaded me to accompany him to a rehearsal of No No Nanette." Caesar recalled that "the production was in trouble and it needed a couple of songs to pep it up." Ultimately Caesar's two songs (Tea For Two and I Want To Be Happy) changed the show from a flop to a smash hit.

Besides his formidable talents as a lyricist and composer, he is an entertainer extraordinaire, a chip off the old Cantor and Jessel block with tickles of Jimmy Durante. He's a class act and a tough one to follow, delivering more genuine warmth and laugh lines than most comedians. As he candidly admits, "If I couldn't sing songs I wouldn't write them."

Why would a songwriter, whose royalties have made him wealthy, embark on such a strenuous adventure in New York? "The answer," says he, "is a simple one. I love to face an audience and communicate, whether by talk or song. I've been singing for my supper all my life. Maybe the lyric. 'I want to be happy, but I won't be happy, till I make you happy too,' says it all for me."

The work that absorbs most of his time (and is closest to his heart) and returns the least money is the promotion of his Book of Children's Songs of Friendship, Safety, Manners and Health. Written in the late 30s and early 40s, at his own expense, its 45 children's songs have been translated into several languages, and include such compelling titles as How To Spell Friendship, There's Something About America!, Thomas Jefferski, and This Is Our Last Chance For Peace.

His friend, Fannie Hurst, the novelist, helped him give a performance of the songs for Eleanor Roosevelt. "I don't think anyone has had more dear friends than I did. Mrs. Roosevelt thought very highly of my songs and mentioned them regularly in her column," he stated, beaming with pride. "She and Fannie Hurst are a dear memory."

At one time it was estimated that about 10

million children throughout the U.S. sang these songs.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith distributed over 100,000 copies and toured Caesar country-wide to perform concerts for children. He then jokingly said: "Maybe these songs for children will send me to the songwriter's heaven — when my hi-dee-ho songs would be sure to send me to a hotter region."

Unfortunately nobody wrote him a safety song about the 1929 crash. He lost over a quarter of a million dollars. On his office wall is a letter from Otto Harbach, the great lyricist (Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, Yesterdays, The Touch Of Your Hand) instructing a New York bank to give Caesar \$50,000 in bonds. "Otto loaned me the money without a scrap of security, because he wanted to help me save my stocks. There weren't a thousand men in the country who had \$50,000 they could lend on the third day of the crash, and Otto was probably that one man in a thousand who came through for a friend."

Irving Caesar's immortality as a lyricist would be secure if he never wrote anything but Swanee and Tea For Two. "They are two of the most readily recognizable songs in the world — my word of honor," he said, raising his right arm to the heavens.

He and the Vincent Youmans estate stand to make a bundle on a Japanese-made kettle that plays Tea For Two when you pour it. It will sell for \$40 and be marketed in North America shortly.

His Crazy Rhythm best delineates the Roaring Twenties. "I don't hesitate to say this, but Crazy Rhythm is the best lyric ever written for a rhythm song." (It was featured and danced to by the Hines Brothers in the film Cotton Club). Without the slightest smidgeon of persuasion the 91-year-old Mr. Caesar then sang the song (he calls himself a singing lyric writer) and the lyrics undeniably convey the entire story of the exciting F. Scott Fitzgerald era.

Crazy Rhythm here's the doorway. I'll go my way you go your way.

Crazy rhythm from now on we're through. Here is where we have a showdown. I'm too high hat, you're too lowdown.

Crazy rhythm here's goodbye to you.

They say that when a highbrow meets a lowbrow walking along Broadway.

Soon the highbrow he has no brow. Now ain't it a shame and you're to blame.

What's the use of prohibition? You produce the same condition.

Crazy rhythm I'm going crazy too.

"Look," said Caesar, "if I were taking a course in sociology and that was my paper at the end of the term, I think they'd approve it. Don't you think they'd give me a triple A?"

Still stunned by the lyric and the impact of his spellbinding treatment, I said: "At least."

I asked him with an offbeat question: "In a business where charm can be a powerful weapon — how dangerous do you think this can be?" He paused for a moment and then responded in a thoughtful tone: "Well, I have an original definition of charm. Charm is a skeleton key that takes you into places where you have no right to be. Charm in itself is meaningless. Whores have charm, counterfeiters have charm. Riverboat gamblers and card sharks have charm. Charm is a tool and when it is not backed up with character it is a destructive weapon. It's like a costume of God. I've often said if it were possible there'd be a law passed that in order to use your charm you must have a licence. The law would then determine that you have the character that justifies the charm you have."

"As a close friend of Al Jolson, did you love him in spite of his publicized weaknesses?" I asked.

"I loved Jolson and he loved me but his word was as useful as the light of a firefly if you were going to read the Bible by it. He suffered from a lack of basic character. He would kiss me and doublecross me all in the same day. And he meant it when he said 'Cookie, you know I love you.' And he'd mean it too when he was doublecrossing me."

"But no one thrilled people like Jolson. He was more than an entertainer. He had vibration. He could give you goose pimples. When Jolson walked into a restaurant, even if you had your back to the door you'd look around. You'd feel that something happened. Judy Garland had it to a degree."

Irving Caesar has a lilt in his smile, kindness and integrity in his heart, and a philosophy that is inspirational. "I don't give up," he said. "My idol is the mountain climber. I just stop for a while. Stopping doesn't mean giving up. I'm not afraid of failing. I'm only afraid of tiring of trying. Remember, God's delay is not his denial."

Opinion

Scholar looks at the presidents and U.S. policy

Israel: The changing views in the White House

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Harry Truman was the first American President to deal with the Arab-Israeli dispute in detail. Dwight Eisenhower grudgingly accepted the reality of Israel. John Kennedy enhanced America's relationship with Israel. Lyndon Johnson reinforced it.

Richard Nixon viewed Israel as a strategic asset. Gerald Ford considered the management of the Arab-Israeli conflict as America's top foreign policy priority. Jimmy Carter worked for a genuine accommodation between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Ronald Reagan has raised raised Washington's relations with Jerusalem to unprecedented heights.

American Middle Eastern policy has gradually evolved to the point where the maintenance of friendship with Israel is not necessarily at odds with the cultivation of the Arab world. Israel, if not exactly a client state, is in some respects an equal partner.

To say that Washington's attitude toward the Arab-Israeli dispute has changed would be to understate the case. But, as Steven Spiegel points out in *The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict: Making America's Middle East Policy, From Truman To Reagan* (The University of Chicago Press), the U.S. has never deviated from certain principles in approaching this terribly complex problem.

Spiegel, a political science professor at the University of California, has written what is probably the definitive book on a well-worn subject. Besides reconstructing the way in which every President has dealt with the Arab-Israeli question, he explores the bureaucratic battles on Capitol Hill which preceded the formulation of policy.

Fierce debate in Truman administration

In his writing style, Spiegel is like a breath of fresh air, for unlike most academics, he does not equate obtuse, turgid, mind-boggling jargon with enlightenment. Yet *The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict* cannot be categorized as light reading. It is not the sort of book you read between television ads. It makes intellectual demands on a reader.

In explaining Truman's policy, Spiegel examines the fierce debate within his administration regarding the wisdom of a Jewish state in the Middle East. Officials who opposed its emergence claimed it would seriously damage Arab-American relations and imperil oil supplies and access to military bases. They also argued that Arab opposition made the partition of Palestine unworkable and that a Jewish state would increase anti-semitism in the U.S. and radicalize the Arabs.

Among those who fell back on such arguments were George Marshall, the secretary of state; Loy Henderson, the head of the Near Eastern division; secondary officials like George Kennan (the originator of Washington's "containment" policy vis-a-vis the Soviet Union) and Dean Rusk (who would serve two Presidents as secretary of state), and James Forrestal, the secretary of defence.

Spiegel says the pro-Zionist position, espoused by such White House assistants as Clark Clifford, David Niles and Judge Samuel Rosenman, "was simpler and more forceful." Partition of Palestine, they said, would be more equitable because it offered Jews and Arabs a state, provided a haven for Holocaust survivors and enhanced America's role in a new postwar world.

Truman's own attitude was one of balance. He did not believe that a Jewish state was necessary to rehabilitate the Jewish refugees of Europe. But he backed Jewish statehood when there seemed no other way to achieve Jewish immigration into Palestine and when a Jewish state appeared to be a fait accompli.

Once Israel came into being, the battle for the ear of the President was hardly at an end. Over the heads of bureaucrats in the state department, Israeli supporters convinced Truman to approve a loan to Israel, to grant Israel de jure recognition, to support U.S. sponsorship of Israeli membership in the UN, and to mute American backing of an internationalized Jerusalem.

Under Eisenhower, pro-Israel partisans failed to achieve all their major objectives: opposition to the Baghdad Pact, shipment of arms to Israel and creation of a U.S.-Israel defence agreement.



Dwight Eisenhower

During the Eisenhower era, there were serious disagreements between Israel and the U.S. Washington criticized Israel's retaliation raids against the Arabs and its decision to move its foreign ministry to Jerusalem, and, for a period of time, suspended economic aid to Israel. In the wake of the 1956 war, Eisenhower threatened to sever all aid — governmental and private — if Israel did not withdraw from the Sinai.

Spiegel, in trying to explain Eisenhower's rather lukewarm attitude to Israel, says the President had no close Jewish friends and was not dependent on Jewish support. Furthermore, he surrounded himself with individuals who seemed entranced by Arab oil wealth. Eisenhower, too, appeared to have no ideological commitment to the idea of a Jewish state. In 1953, he told Philip Klutznick of the B'nai B'rith that he was not sure, if he had been President in 1948, whether he would have supported the establishment of Israel.

Eisenhower's secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, was his chief foreign policy spokesman. And typically, Dulles urged Israel to rely for its national defence on "collective security" and the UN, not on arms alone. In 1955, he suggested that the U.S. was unable to build ties with Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt because American policy was too much in tune with "the wishes of the Zionists in this country."

Spiegel says that Eisenhower, in demanding changes in Israeli policies that might have mollified the Arabs, failed to accomplish the two goals his administration had set out to achieve: blocking Russian gains in the region and enhancing U.S. influence there.

John Kennedy, who presided over the quietest period in the Middle East since 1945,



Richard Nixon



Lyndon Johnson

was more prepared than Truman and Eisenhower to use the Israeli issue for electoral purposes, and, as the 1960 election demonstrated, he was more dependent on the American Jewish community than his predecessors.

Kennedy's constituency, consisting in part of labor leaders and liberals, was pleased with his strong support for Israel. Despite his dependence on the Jewish vote, Kennedy was fond of saying that friendship for Israel was not a partisan matter but a national commitment.

According to Spiegel, the "major breakthrough" in Middle East policy under Kennedy was the concept of improving relations with the Israelis while flirting with Israel's chief adversary, Egypt.

Kennedy was the first President to sell Israel military equipment. But Spiegel maintains that he sold the Israelis Hawk anti-aircraft missiles not out of domestic political considerations, but because of his commitment to a regional balance of power.

Lyndon Johnson, who admired Israel's pioneering spirit and compared it to that of the U.S., enhanced Washington's relationship with Israel.

Johnson's Mideast policy revolved around increasing military assistance to Israel to balance Russian aid for Arab radicals and American assistance for Arab conservatives. In his quest to build Israel's military machine, he became the first White House occupant to sell Israel offensive weapons — tanks, Skyhawk bombers and Phantom jets.

Spiegel observes that the political atmosphere created by America's involvement in Vietnam was favorable to providing increased arms for Israel.



Jimmy Carter

Israel was perceived as self-reliant, democratic, anti-Communist, pragmatic and idealistic. The Israelis, in the Six Day War, scored spectacular battlefield triumphs while victory eluded the U.S. in Southeast Asia. Israel, by having captured vast quantities of Russian arms in the 1967 war and having shown them to the U.S., contributed to American security. Israel, by having closed the Suez Canal, impeded the supply of Russian military equipment to the North Vietnamese.

Spiegel says Johnson was perplexed, and disappointed, that many prominent American Jews were against his Vietnam policy. Johnson, privately believing that Israel was like South Vietnam, is quoted as having said: "Dammit, they want me to protect Israel, but they don't want me to do anything in Vietnam."

Johnson, however, was not always protective of Israel. In the days leading up to the Six Day War, he waffled as Egypt massed troops in the Sinai and closed the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping.

Richard Nixon's policy rested on four pillars: to reduce Soviet influence, weaken Arab radicals, encourage Arab moderates and assure Israel's security. The first President to look upon Israel as a strategic advantage for American interests, Nixon involved the U.S. in Middle Eastern affairs to an unprecedented extent.

Nixon and his guru, Henry Kissinger, arranged the first long-term U.S.-Israel arms deal. But during the Yom Kippur War, when Israel lost huge quantities of military equipment, the Nixon administration delayed the transfer of new arms to the Israelis so as to end the war in military stalemate, Spiegel writes.

Nixon wanted to impose settlement

The 1973 war, far more than the 1970 civil war in Jordan, was an enormous challenge to the Americans. They had to retain the confidence of the Israelis and their supporters at home without ruining the possibility of reopening relations with the Arab world. To some degree, Nixon and Kissinger succeeded.

But the Arab oil embargo so shocked Nixon, Spiegel says, that he began thinking in terms of imposing a comprehensive settlement on Israel. Israel, he adds, was fortunate that the Watergate scandal forced Nixon to resign.

His successor, Gerald Ford, came to the White House with a superb pro-Israel record. But during the Ford interregnum, relations with Israel reached a low following Kissinger's initial failure to hammer out an Israeli-Egyptian disengagement accord.

Kissinger blamed it on Israel; but the hard feelings soon dissipated as he attempted to get Israel and Syria to sign a disengagement pact on the Golan front.

Under Ford and Kissinger, management of the Arab-Israeli dispute became the No. 1 priority in U.S. foreign policy. Spiegel says that their strategy, particularly in Egypt's case, was to buy Arab friendship with Israeli concessions in Sinai and on the Golan.

Jimmy Carter, the first President to involve himself so personally in Mideast diplomacy, attempted to arrive at a comprehensive solution of the Arab-Israeli dispute. In this respect, he was also the first to accept the possibility that Israel and the Arabs could sign a peace treaty.

Carter's legacy, the establishment of peace between Israel and Egypt, was blunted by his failure to come to terms with the Palestinian problem.

Spiegel's chapter on Ronald Reagan is succinct but revealing. In short, Reagan has presided over periods of extremely tense relations with Israel, while forging extremely close ties with the Israelis.

In closing his masterful book, Spiegel says that domestic politics affects the timing and handling of U.S. decisions more than their actual content. Presidents, he claims, make decisions generally for reasons of state, often in defiance of domestic groups like Jews.

Spiegel offers seven convincing examples to prove his thesis, and anyone who doubts him should read *The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict*.

Opinion

Reitman should appoint task force

Let the estranged return as equals to Congress

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I hope no one will think that I exaggerated the degree of alienation (or uninvolvedness) that exists in the larger sphere of Canadian Jewish leadership, as expressed through the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Without seeming to be boastful I do suggest that I am in a uniquely favorable position to observe and to be apprised of the total Jewish scene rather than being focused on only sectional areas of our multifaceted community. Hence my continuous concern with this overriding problem and hence my frequent underscoring of the need of Congress to acknowledge and to come to grips with this prime challenge.

In my view, Congress, if it is to continue as the leading umbrella organization of Canadian Jewish society, must consciously strive to have ample room under that umbrella for every social, religious and cultural segment of that society. I am also convinced that uninvolvedness leads to alienation and, consequently, to large-scale disappearance of ever-increasing numbers from our midst.



J.B. Salsberg

When I emphasize the unfortunate decline of the "masses," the "common" or "ordinary" people in Congress activities I mean the wage- and salary-earning Jews, the small business people, the very large sector of Jewish professionals and white-collar elements. I also mean the very significant numbers that belong to every variety of Jewish communal organizations: the B'nai B'rith, landsmanshaften, fraternal bodies, senior citizens, etc.

The list of insufficiently involved sectors includes also sections of the religious community and especially their young people. And, let's not forget the Jewish poor (the 17%), who live below the minimum living standards.

I believe that a social study of our population would reveal that in terms of numbers the percentage of wage and salary earners of the Canadian Jewish community today is no smaller than it was in earlier "needle trades" days when that social class played a leading role in our communal life.

No, I'm not the only one who thinks this way. I was, for instance, delighted to read in this paper's interview with Milton Harris, the outgoing national president of Congress (April 3 issue), that he "expressed disappointment he was unable to open channels in CJC and the community and a stronger awareness in the younger generation of secular Jews in the community." The "secular" sector is, of course, only one of the areas for whom channels to

Congress need to be opened.

It was also very stimulating to read in the daily press that the newly-elected national president of Congress, Dorothy Reitman, intends to "draw into Congress activities" the unaffluent Jews and others, like those of the smaller communities, "who often were left out of the mainstream of the Canadian Jewish Congress activity." Mrs. Reitman is also quoted as saying that "several task forces would be struck immediately to look into fresh issues, such as ways to attract more youth participation; electoral procedures to ensure that even the less wealthy can afford to come to the plenary sessions," etc.

I nourish the hope that the newly elected president will also appoint a task force to deal with the challenge of winning and re-involving the "masses" of Canadian Jews — young and old and of every walk of life — in all stages of Canadian Jewish Congress activities. New forms may be required; new avenues may have to be opened to achieve such an objective and a task force concentrating on this complex matter would, in my view, be a very important step forward.

Generally speaking, the lively and well-attended 21st plenary assembly was an important milestone in the history of Congress.

The variety and number of seminars and study sessions was overawing. They dealt with every major Jewish concern in this country, in

Israel and in all lands with substantial Jewish communities.

The election of Dorothy Reitman as president of Congress and of Mira Koschitzky as chairman of the national executive (the second most important leadership position) was truly revolutionary in character.

Our capable and dedicated women activists have finally, and at long last, achieved their merited place of equality in our communal structure. To which I say, hurrah and mazel tov!

The 21st plenary has also widened the horizons of Congress by raising the importance of social action.

I am aware of the fact that some people are a bit apprehensive about this widened area of our involvement. In my view, such uncertainties or fears are unwarranted. Jewish concerns are often inseparably linked with the concerns of other sections of Canadian society and the successful resolutions of many of our unique problems cannot be achieved in isolation and without the general resolution of such or similar issues that face Canadian society as a whole.

Will the social action perspective diminish from our specific and primary Jewish concerns? I don't believe that it will. I'm confident that time and experience will prove me right.

So, without fear or hesitation, let us acknowledge the achievements of the 21st plenary; let us welcome its innovations; and let us rally behind the new leadership we have chosen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

BOILS OVER LOBSTER AD

It's a shame that your large Jewish newspaper had to accept an ad for fresh lobster which you published on the back page of your May 1 edition.

I realize The CJN contains ads for non-kosher restaurants. But to display a lobster in such a blatant place is offensive to many of us.

We appreciate the costs of operating a weekly newspaper. But shouldn't your ethics have some minimum standards?

J. Simon
Toronto

FUMES OVER ORTHODOX ELITIST

Moish Goldmintz's May 15 letter ("Hits Reform conversions") about Reform versus Orthodox conversions is typical of the self-righteous judgmental attitude which certain pious elements in our community exhibit toward those Jews who do not conform to their religious standards.

When Goldmintz writes that "Reform do not believe in halacha and will convert anyone," he is writing either out of ignorance or with malicious intent.

Because the Reform rabbinate interprets halacha differently than Orthodox rabbis, he seeks to discredit the validity of the entire Reform movement and wants them read out of our people.

Even within Orthodoxy, the Gerrer, Satmar and Belzer rabbis and their chassidim regard the members of Mizrahi as being tantamount to goyim.

Does this mean that only they are to be regarded as the "true believers" and all others are treif? Seems to me that members of the Orthodox community would be well advised to look more clearly at their own sins; rather than being so quick to de-Judaize all other segments of Jewry.

Jay Jacobs
Toronto

RENT-A-SEDER SERVICE?

During this recent Passover I noticed a slightly disturbing trend. Some (usually young) families are bringing in the whole Passover meal from caterers.

In an attempt to capitalize on this trend, I am planning next year to offer a Rent-A-Seder service.

For a fee, I will not only provide the food, but a complete seder with a venerable, bearded rabbi, a rosy-cheeked bubbe and zaida, a bright-eyed youngster to ask the four questions and any number of "family" required.

In this way the family (jointly or separately) can do their thing — be it watching television, listening to the high-fi or going to the ballgame.

I realize that, for busy families today, preparing a seder is indeed an onerous chore.

I also realize that the most important thing for this festival of the heralding of spring, and, above all, the honoring of our past, is for our families to be together, regardless of how the meal is prepared.

But I feel that something is lost if the various members of the family do not contribute of themselves in this traditional celebration.

Marvin Frenes
Toronto



Dorothy Reitman... Reader attacks her election to the presidency of the Canadian Jewish Congress on grounds that she represents the "cozy status quo."

HITS "COZY STATUS QUO"

Moshe Ronen is ready to lead Canadian Jewish Congress now.

Canadian Jewish Congress has demonstrated that it is not ready for Moshe Ronen yet.

The election of the avuncular Dorothy Reitman as leader makes it clear that many CJC members wish to retain their cozy status quo.

With Moshe Ronen their status would change. Obviously, many members are not ready to change their status to that of "open-minded adult."

Miriam Green
Toronto

LAUDS OUR PLENARY REPORTS

Please accept my personal thanks and appreciation for the contribution that The Canadian Jewish News made to the success of the 21st plenary assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

This was the fourth time I helped organize a plenary, and I can tell you it was the best in press coverage and in providing general information to the public through the pages of The CJN. Looking forward to working with you again at the next plenary.

Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz
Executive Director
Canadian Jewish Congress
Ontario Region

PRAISES REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

I am writing to thank The Canadian Jewish News for the fine article it ran on our recent Ron Barabo tribute dinner-dance.

It was, indeed, a unique experience — a group of nearly 500 Jews and non-Jews honoring an Italian Canadian — with the proceeds going to establish a Chair at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's newly established (and Israel's only) School of Veterinary Medicine.

Frank Rasky's "Reporter's Notebook" captured the spirit of the event perfectly, and I would like to thank The CJN for further raising the profile of an absolutely incredible evening.

Dr. Gerald Halbert
Toronto

DISPUTES HOLOCAUST DATE

I'd like to clarify a point made in Cynthia Gasner's April 23 article. "Ostrovitzer Congregation joins Shaarei Tefillah."

The correct date for the Ostrovitzer Holocaust was not June 10, 1943, as she stated, but rather on Oct. 11, 1942.

The date quoted by Gasner does not appear in the two sefars, *Destruction Ostrovitzer* and *Churban Ostrovitzer*.

Churban Ostrovitzer was first published in October, 1949 in Buenos Aires, and edited by a committee, along with the writer of this letter, and survivors of the Holocaust.

Sefer Ostrovitzer was published in 1974 in Israel in Yiddish, Hebrew and English.

All articles regarding the Holocaust of Ostrovitzer Jews date the event Oct. 11, 1942.

Albert Bainerman
Toronto

Cynthia Gasner replies: Volume 12 of the *Encyclopedia Judaica* dates the deportation of 11,000 Jews from Ostrovitz to Treblinka as happening on Oct. 11 and 12, 1942. But it assigns the liquidation of the community to June 10, 1943.

WINTARIO GRANT HELPED

We'd like to acknowledge publicly our thanks for receiving a Wintario grant from the Ontario ministry of citizenship and culture.

It was very helpful in defraying the costs our recent exciting adult education weekend when Noam Sachs Zion was our guest.

Temple Tikvah Congregation
St. Catharines, Ont.

ORTHODOX OR RECONSTRUCTIONIST?

As a member of the Reconstructionist Congregation, I usually find myself at odds with Rabbi Moses Burak, whose explanations of Jewish law are often devisive, alienating non-Orthodox Jews, or women, or both.

How pleasurable, then, to read his April 17 explanation, urging people to invite non-Jews to their Passover seders.

My family has always believed that bestowing such an honor on a non-Jewish friend is the greatest Pesach gift we could give, if it promotes more understanding between the two societies in which North American Jews find themselves.

I guess, rabbi, there's a bit of the Reconstructionist in each of us.

David Friendly
Toronto

FRANCO TREATED HYPOCRITICALLY?

Just a couple of more points on the Dictator Francisco Franco-Israel controversy.

Vichy France, Italy, and Romania, all used their own police forces to round up their Jews for shipment to their ally Hitler's death camps in World War II. But Israel promptly established friendly relations with France, Italy and Romania, and eventually even Germany, only a few years later.

Only Spain — which saved its Jews and provided sanctuary to other European Jews who fled from the Nazi holocaust — was denied friendship with Israel. This seems a little hypocritical to me.

By not establishing friendly relations with Spain when the chance arose in 1948, Israel gave the 20-odd Arab states a 38-year advantage in that country in which to promote trade, tourism, purchase arms, and spread their version of the Arab-Israeli conflict to the Spanish people.

Israel had no voice in Spain during this time to counter these efforts.

I spent summers in the early 1950s at Camp Ogema, where counselors like Stephen Lewis and Alan Borovoy had us singing the passionate songs of the International Brigades (the foreign volunteers who fought against Franco in the Spanish Civil War).

I can still sing "Friedhet" by heart.

I think that a country which saved Jews in World War II, at no small risk to itself, and a government which formally ended the Spanish Inquisition (which was still legally on the books after 450 years) deserved less hypocritical treatment by world Jewry.

Dr. Nelson J. Daniels
Toronto

World-National

Govt. unit has already recommended ban

U.S. state dept. also investigating Waldheim

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whether he should be barred from the United States on the basis of his past actions as an officer in the Wehrmacht in World War II.

The department, according to a letter dated May 5 from Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead to World Jewish Congress president Edgar

Bronfman, will "treat our investigation of the charges seriously and reach a conclusion with due deliberation."

Whitehead, in saying the state department "is conducting its own investigation" into the 68-year-old Waldheim's past activities, indicated the department is "assisting in a parallel department of justice investigation."

The justice depart-

ment's Office of Special Investigations has already recommended that Waldheim be barred from the U.S. under the terms of the so-called Holtzman Amendment of 1978.

The recommendation from the OSI was written by the agency's director, Neal Sher, and urges that Waldheim's name be placed on an Immigration and Naturalization watch list main-

tained by the INS of deportable aliens. The Holtzman Amendment to the immigration law excludes aliens who took part in Nazi war crimes.

Whitehead said in his letter that "the charges against Mr. Waldheim are serious," adding that the state department "will not be in a position to comment on Mr. Waldheim's war time activities until the investi-

gation is complete."

Sher's recommendation, which is currently before Attorney-General Edwin Meese, said Waldheim was "a special mission staff officer in the intelligence and counter intelligence branch" of the German Army Group E, which was involved in reprisals against civilians in the Balkans.

Waldheim has repeatedly defended his wartime record, saying that while he had some knowledge of German atrocities against Yugoslav partisans and others, he was not involved in the activities. He has also denied knowledge of the deportation of thousands of Greek Jews from Salonika, as charged by the WJC.

Meanwhile, Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal has issued a statement in which he said he wants "to clarify" his position on Waldheim, "particularly since statements in my name appeared in the New York Daily News."

The Daily News published an interview with Wiesenthal in which the veteran Nazi-hunter, who lives in Vienna, said that he had seen no documentary evidence that former UN secretary-general Waldheim is a war criminal. Wiesenthal also warned in the interview that the World Jewish Congress accusations against Waldheim are "reviving anti-semitism in Austria."

In his statement, which was dictated by phone from Vienna and released by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Wiesenthal stated:

"I think the charges against Kurt Waldheim are serious. I have told this to him directly and I will not defend him. Further, in respect to whether Kurt Waldheim is a war criminal, these questions can be fully answered when all of the documents in various archives throughout the world are released and made public."

Wiesenthal's statement continued: "I challenge Mr. Waldheim to join me in demanding that the government of Yugoslavia release his file. Finally, insofar as the question of his admissibility to the United States, I have expressed to Neil Sher my full confidence in the Office of Special Investigations and its interpretation and application of the U.S. law."

In the interview with the Daily News, Wiesenthal was sharply critical of various statements by officials of the WJC. "Do you know what is reviving anti-semitism here (in Vienna)?" Wiesenthal was quoted as saying by the Daily News. "It is not their (WJC) revelations about Waldheim's past. No. It is an interview by Israel Singer (general secretary) of the World Jewish Congress, telling Austrians that Bitburg was one bitter day for President Reagan and that if Austrians elect Waldheim, the population of Austria is going to get six years of Bitburg."

Israel has received the copies of 347 files on Nazi war criminals from the United Nations archives, compiled by the now-defunct UN War Crimes Commission.

The files were given to Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the UN, who was escorted by Yitzhak Arad, chairman of Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial and research institute on the Holocaust in Jerusalem, at the UN archives.

Israel recently asked to inspect the UN archives to see if they contain files on any 1,379 Nazi war criminals still wanted by Israel. According to Netanyahu, the 347 files obtained by Israel were the only ones which corresponded with the list submitted by Israel earlier.

According to Arad, "the information stored in the UN archives is of enormous

value to the Holocaust research done by Yad Vashem." He said among the files Israel received there are names of leaders of "the Nazi murder system." He said the files will be sent soon to Yad Vashem for closer inspection.

Netanyahu called on Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to open all the files in the UN archives to the public. Noting that the rules of confidentiality governing access to the files were determined by the secretariat, the Israeli envoy said, that "it was this confidentiality that enabled such things as the election of Kurt Waldheim to be secretary-general of the UN."

Waldheim, who is accused of having a Nazi past, is one of 40,000 suspected Nazis who have files in the UN archives. Israel obtained his file recently.

Thatcher stresses balance

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Strip. "I mentioned that Europe is doing very little, practically nothing on their own... in helping to improve the standard of living and the quality of life," he said.

Later in the day, Thatcher met with Arab leaders from the occupied territories, a move that underlines her determination to maintain contacts with both sides in the Middle East conflict.

Thatcher, the first incumbent British prime minister to visit Israel since the founding in 1948, made it clear since she arrived in Israel Saturday that her visit should not be interpreted as a diplomatic chilling of London's relations with Arab states. Even during her brief speech at her airport welcoming ceremony she repeatedly mentioned her ties to the Arab world.

"I have been to your Arab neighbors as a friend and I come to Israel as a friend," she said, adding she hoped for a Middle East peace settlement that would meet the needs of "all peoples in the area."

On Sunday, Thatcher met with Peres for two hours and discussed ways of rekindling stalled Middle East peace negotiations.

After the meeting Thatcher said she planned to discuss the stalemate with King Hussein of Jordan when he visits London in June.

Describing her talks with

Peres as "heartwarming" and "very constructive," Thatcher said the meeting was part of a continuing effort to revive the Middle East peace process.

"We have talked about the whole Middle East problem and my concern and I think the (Israeli) Prime Minister's concern that

there is a vacuum in negotiations at the moment and a number of economic problems as well," Thatcher told reporters.

The two prime ministers also discussed the current depressed state of world oil prices and their effects on various nations as well as world economic problems and the Iran-Iraq war.

S. African MP Suzman to get Hebrew Union College award

NEW YORK —

South African MP Helen Suzman, an international symbol of the struggle against apartheid, will be presented with this year's Roger E. Joseph Prize by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the school's president, Alfred Gottschalk, has announced.

The prize, which includes a cash award of \$10,000, will be presented to Suzman at the annual ordination and investiture ceremonies of the College's New York School, Sunday, June 1, at Temple Emanu-El in New York City.

"The Roger E. Joseph

Prize was established to pay tribute to an individual or organization whose conduct or work enhances or encourages the ideals and values derived from religious teachings," said Gottschalk.

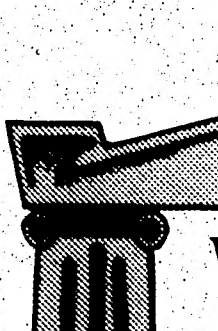
"We feel it is a most fitting choice to honor Mrs. Suzman who has devoted more than three decades to the effort to bring about peaceful change and equality for all peoples in South Africa," he added.

Suzman was first elected to the South African parliament in 1953. From 1961-74, she was the sole representative of the Pro-

gressive Party, advocating a multiracial government and the gradual dismantling of the apartheid system.

She has ensured that the grievances of South Africa's non-whites have been strongly voiced, establishing herself as a skilled adversary and thorn in the side of the government, Gottschalk said.

Suzman was born in South Africa, the daughter of Lithuanian Jewish immigrants. She received a degree in economics at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, and taught at that institution for several years before deciding to enter politics.



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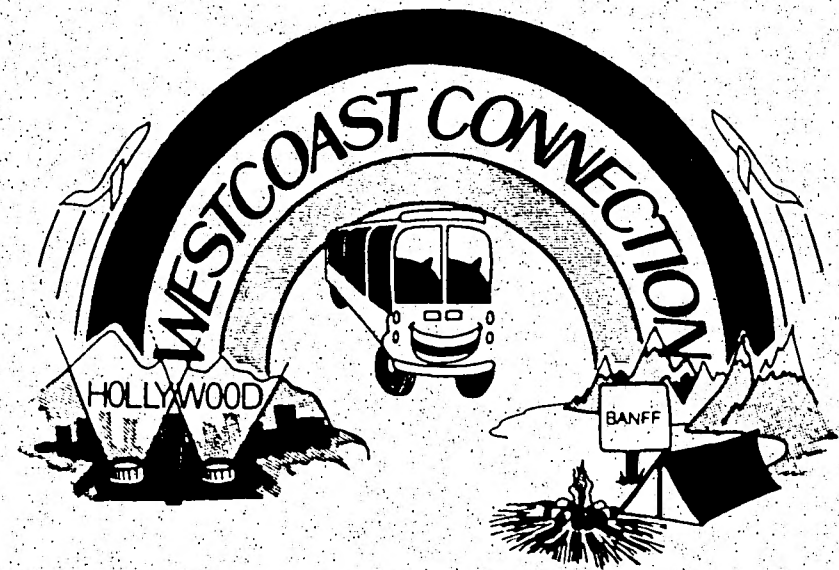
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"It Can Happen Here"

Dear Friends:

Many Canadians are horrified at the "business as usual" attitude of the Canadian nuclear establishment in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster. We Jews have special reason to be wary of the phrase: 'It can't happen here'. Of course, it CAN happen here, despite all our vaunted back-up systems and superior technology. One critic grasped the nub of the problem when he said: "The fact that both countries, the U.S. and the USSR, with about the same level of experience in nuclear power but with very different ways of managing it, have now had a disastrous accident tells us that the dangers of nuclear power are not derived from the quality of management but are built into the technology itself. It tells us that the nuclear power industry is a dangerous and unnecessary way to produce electricity. It tells us that there are far better, much less dangerous ways to produce our energy".

The nuclear industry and its allies in government are counting on the passivity of Canadians to ride out the storm. We must not allow this to happen. We are not being alarmists by asking:

1. How would millions of Canadians who live near reactors in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes evacuate our children in the event of a serious accident? Are we prepared to accept the logic which says: Since no serious accident is likely, no serious evacuation plan is necessary?

2. Can we continue to allow the Canadian government to make major decisions on nuclear policies without consulting the Canadian people — decisions affecting the placement of Canadian reactors, the hazardous disposal of their radioactive waste products such as plutonium and tritium, the sale of reactors to Third World countries and their financing at taxpayers' expense?

3. Will we permit the menage à trois of government, nuclear regulatory agencies and private business interests to legislate, regulate *and* market nuclear reactors in Canada and abroad? These are just a few of the questions that must be addressed NOW.

As a Rabbi, I believe that further procrastination on these issues is immoral. As Chairman of the Board of Energy Probe, Canada's only independently funded think tank on energy issues, I feel a special responsibility to join with other public advocacy groups in urging **an immediate moratorium on the reactors now being built at Darlington**; and in demanding a **parliamentary inquiry into Canada's nuclear industry**. Nothing short of these goals can hope to be effective. Nothing less will justify our criticism of the Russian system and preserve our moral integrity.

These are strong words. I believe the times require them. In the past, Energy Probe has taken the leadership in urging these positions. Now, we ask for your assistance. Help us to carry on our work with your financial contributions and moral support. Share this letter with your family and friends, your religious institutions and business communities. Write or phone your Member of Parliament to communicate your views. If the tragedy at Chernobyl is to have any meaning, let it be as a reminder of just how small and fragile is this beautiful planet on which we live.

Arthur Bielfeld

The Rabbi's Study
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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

MONDAY DEADLINE

Please note: The deadline for the What's New and About People columns is now 5 p.m. Monday, a week prior to the issue date (i.e. the deadline for the June 12 issue is Monday, June 2). I will be at my desk on Mondays to receive your calls.

When Monday is a holiday, the deadline will be moved back to the previous Friday.

Thursday, May 29

NCJW SALUTES VOLUNTEERS

On Thursday, May 29, the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, will be honoring 250 of its volunteers who have donated a minimum of 75 hours to over 2,000 hours to community service.

William Attewell, MP for Don Valley East; Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and commercial affairs, and Norm Gardner, controller, City of North York, will be representing and bringing greetings from their various governments at this annual meeting and recognition of volunteers.

Commendations from Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander will be presented to six of the volunteers who have accumulated over 2,000 hours in community service. They are Nita Goldband, president; Lily Goldstein, Helen Goodman, Helen Katz, Edith Sobel and Patricia Starr.

Also on the program will be the draw for the \$10,000 Pot of Gold prize.

The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. at Council House.



Nita Goldband

Friday, May 30

BETH AMI ONEG SHABBAT

Beth Ami Congregation is holding Oneg Shabbat services on Friday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. for all Jewish families living in the Newmarket and York North areas. For further information, call 833-0096 or 775-4309.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

On Friday, May 30, from 2-4 p.m. Bathurst Heights Library is showing Fiddler on the Roof, the 5th in a 6-part series on music and musicians. The address is 3170 Bathurst St. (north of Lawrence).

Sunday, June 1

BISHOP DESMOND TUTU

Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., will be welcoming Bishop Desmond Tutu, South African Nobel Prize winner, on Sunday, June 1, at noon and the Jewish community is invited to attend. Bishop Tutu will be introduced by

Stephen Lewis, Canada's ambassador to the United Nations.

This is part of the Toronto Arts Against Apartheid festival.

SHAR SHALOM GRADUATION

Shaar Shalom Hebrew School invites parents and guests to the graduation ceremony of grade 7 students which takes place Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. The program will include Shacharit morning service, presentation of Wallenberg — A Hero's Story, message to graduates by Rabbi Sheldon Korn and distribution of diplomas.

Parents and friends interested in sending children to the school commencing September 1986, take note that Shaar Shalom, which conducts classes from junior kindergarten to grade 8, will operate at two locations — Zion Heights Junior High, 5900 Leslie St., and Thornhill Secondary School-St. Luke Separate School, 160 and 167 Dudley Ave.

Two options are being introduced for the coming year for students entering grades 1 and 3. Students entering grade 1 who are unable to attend sessions twice weekly (Sundays and Wednesdays) will be able to come Sundays only. Grade 3 students unable to attend sessions three times a week will be able to attend twice a week (Sundays and Wednesdays).

For registration, contact the principal, Joseph Klinger at 884-9730 or 787-0197.

CONGREGATION HABONIM

Congregation Habonim's closing cultural event of the season on Sunday, June 1, will be preceded by a tasty breakfast at 10 a.m. Marion Andre, former artistic director of Theatre Plus and author of The Gates, will be guest speaker. He will review his book, which also includes his highly successful play The Aching Heart of Samuel Kleinerman.

The cost for breakfast is \$4. Call 782-7125 to reserve. For those wishing to attend the book review only, admission is free. Don't miss this stimulating morning! The address is 12 Hollaman Rd.

FROM CHAPLIN TO STREISAND

On Sunday, June 1, Aldo Maggiorotti, well-known film collector, radio personality and opera buff, presents From Chaplin to Streisand, a completely new compilation of outstanding scenes from hit movies of the past and present.

You'll thrill to scenes featuring Moyshe Oysher, Isaac Stern, Danny Kaye, Luciano Pavarotti, Roberta Peters and more. A coffee hour with home-made refreshments follows.

The event is sponsored by Carmel Chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, with all proceeds going to Youth Aliyah. The time is 8 p.m. at the Ontario Science Centre, Don Mills and Eglinton.

For tickets or information, call Elva Strom at 782-4704 or 787-3012.

RUMMAGE & SECOND-TIME-AROUND

Adath Shalom Sisterhood is sponsoring a rummage and second-time-around sale on Sunday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

Featured will be good used clothing, including men's suits and children's wear, toys and gifts

plus household items and linens.

All proceeds will be donated to charity.

BETH AMI PICNIC

Beth Ami Congregation is having its 5th annual family picnic on Sunday, June 1. The group will be meeting at the Centre Island Ferry docks at 10:30 a.m.

For further information, call 833-0096 or 775-4309.

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

The Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library Book Discussion Club 1986 meets on Sunday, June 1, at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, Room 421, 4600 Bathurst St. Frances Cohen will discuss Faith After the Holocaust by Eliezer Berkovits.

Program is coordinated by Nathan Garnick. Admission, including refreshments and social hour, is \$4 guests, \$2 seniors and students. For information, call 635-2996.

Monday, June 2

HADASSAH-WIZO OPEN MEETING

The Toronto Hadassah-WIZO open meeting on Monday, June 2, features guest speaker Selma Sage whose topic will be A Covenant with Tomorrow. Program also includes a presentation by Gideon Saguy, Israel consul-general.

It takes place at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. with refreshments at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting at 8. Admission is \$6.

KIDS ON STAGE

Kids on Stage is presenting The Wizard of Oz on Monday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Highland Junior High, 201 Cliffwood Rd. (Don Mills and Steeles).

The play is produced and directed by Sharyn Stein Hurwitz, drama teacher at Cliffwood Public School, and features a cast of 50 youngsters, ages 11-12, all students of the school.

Tickets at \$5 adults, \$3 students and children, may be obtained by calling 496-2959 or at the door. All proceeds will go to the Hospital for Sick Children, and because of the donation, the group will be performing at the hospital for the children during the Telethon on June 15 at 2:30 p.m.

SHALOM DISARMAMENT

Shalom Disarmament invites members of the Jewish community to its business meeting on Monday, June 2, at 7:15 p.m. and/or the film, Speaking Our Peace, which will be shown at 8:30 p.m. followed by discussion.

It takes place at North York City Hall, Committee Room 4, lower level, 5100 Yonge St. For information, call Frieda at 531-2905 or Ben at 782-7968.

Tuesday, June 3

CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

On Tuesday, June 3, the Canadian Israeli Club, Aluma, presents Deborah Czernicki, dietician, who will be speaking on Vegetarianism. The time is 7:30 p.m. in the Wagon Centre Fireside Lounge, 55 Ameer Ave.

For information, contact Ephraim Dloomy at 449-7836.

JEWISH COMMUNITY WORKERS

The Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service is holding a supper meeting on Tuesday, June 3, at 6 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. The speaker will be Berte Rubin, adult educator and counselor. Her topic will be How to Cope: Positive Stress Management.

Supper at \$5 must be reserved by calling Bernard Shoub at 633-7770. The workshop, at 6:30 p.m., is open to members of the Toronto Association of Professionals at no charge. For non-members, the charge is \$3.



Berte Rubin

Wednesday, June 4

UPDATE 86

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sional Advisory Committee, United Jewish Welfare Fund-Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund, will be held Wednesday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

The seminar, geared to lawyers, accountants and life underwriters, will delve into the "impact of sweeping budgetary changes and legislative reforms" resulting from the new federal budget.

Fee for the day, including lunch, is \$90 per person, \$50 students, lawyers and accountants in first year of practice.

For reservations, call 635-2883, ext. 138.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association takes place Wednesday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W. The guest speaker is Dr. Norma DeCastro and the topic is Coping With Stress and Anxiety.

For further information, call 486-8046.

Thursday, June 5

KOFFLER GALLERY FILM SERIES

The Koffler Gallery's The Art of the Inuit film series continues on Thursday, June 5, with Sananguagat: 25 Inuit Masterworks. The time is 12:30 p.m. at 4588 Bathurst St. Admission is free.

DORIS' MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

Doris' Musical Variety Show of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, that popular group of senior entertainers under the direction of Doris Fleishman accompanied by pianist Elaine Duff, will be performing on Thursday, June 5, at 2 p.m. at Extencare Nursing Home, 1925 Steeles Ave. E.

For information about the group, call 222-7422.

And What Else Is New...

CAMP KADIMA/USY

Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth will be holding its annual 1-week encampment at Camp Ramah in Utterson, Ont., Aug. 21-28. If you are entering grades 5-12 and would like to spend a week in a Conservative Jewish environment, call Mark Freedman, regional youth director, at 789-0579 for further information and applications.

Program includes water-skiing and other water sports, kosher meals, arts and crafts such as kipot making and much more.

THE HEBREW SONG

On Friday evening, June 6, Holy Blossom Temple is presenting Our Musical Heritage III entitled The Hebrew Song, a program of folk art and popular music featuring Cantor Benjamin Maissner and pianist Dr. Mel Iscove.

Program follows services, which begin at 8:30 p.m.

BBYO REUNION

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) members from 1976-79, circle Saturday, June 21, on your calendar. That's the date of the Post-Hippie, Pre-Yuppie Reunion, complete with dancing and refreshments. It will take place at 15 Hove St. beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5.

For more information, call the BB House at 635-9411 as soon as possible.

TAGGERS NEEDED

The Leukemia Research Fund tag day is set for June 14. Taggers are needed, age 10 and over, to tag from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or as much time as you can spare.

Anyone interested in tagging, may call the Leukemia Research Fund office at 789-7575 Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 441-1464 or 630-5822 after 6 p.m.

TEA IN AID OF YOUTH ALIYAH

Negev Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO's annual tea in aid of Youth Aliyah takes place Sunday, June 8, from 2-5 p.m. at the home of Cecily and David Peters.

For further information, call 783-5287.



WOMAN OF VALOR

An Israel Bonds "Women of Valor" honoree, Goldie Burstein (centre) is seen here following talk by Gerald Meister (second from left), an expert on international affairs at recent meeting attended by 170 women. Others in photo are (from left) Ruhama Goldstein, Louise Cornblum and Sheila Rothman.

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What's New

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ACTING WORKSHOPS

Medina Stage Company will hold an 8-session series of acting workshops on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 7:30-10:30, beginning June 3, at Holy Blossom Temple, Youth Activity Room, 1950 Bathurst St.

Beginners will concentrate on improvisation, scene study and voice, while advanced students will continue work on the basics and also explore the director's approach to scene analysis.

The workshop will be under the direction of actor-director **Ben Lennick**, who will be joined by guest instructors — writer-stage and TV director **Leo Orenstein**; actress-director **Sylvia Lennick**, and voice coach **Esther Ghan**.

For information or to set up an interview, call 781-1003 or 633-7671.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Jewish Student Federation is sponsoring a retreat for young adults at Mansfield Forest Club May 30-June 1. The theme is The Effects of the Women's Movement on Dating Patterns.

Resource speakers will be **Gil Goldstein** of Jewish Dateline and lawyer **Shayna Kravetz** of the Toronto Committee on Get. The program also includes socials, sporting activities, good food and good friends.

Charge of \$77.50 students, \$90 non-students includes food, transportation and accommodation. For information, call 667-3649.

HAZZANIM IN RECITAL

Hazzanim in Recital, taking place at Temple Sinai on Wednesday, June 11, offers an opportunity to hear duets, trios and ensemble works performed by a group of cantors in a repertoire of cantorial, Yiddish, Hebrew and Ladino music. Participating will be **Cantors Louis Danto** (Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda), **Benjamin Maissner** (Holy Blossom), **Ephraim Sapir** (Beth Tikvah), **Martin Steinhouse** (Temple Har Zion) and **Severin Weingort** (Temple Sinai).

Proceeds of the concert will go towards the Cantorial Trust Fund, which provides scholarships to students entering the cantorial programs at the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music and the Cantorial Institute of the Theological Seminary in New York. The fund also provides for publications, commissions new works, sponsors local musical events and recently opened a Jewish Music Room in the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library.

Tickets are \$9 general admission, \$5 seniors and students.

Donation categories are \$250 patrons, \$100 sponsors and \$36 friends.

WALKING CLUB

The Walk-ee Talk-ees meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at The Source, Skymark Plaza (Don Mills and Finch), for a 45-minute walk and stretch with **Dr. Erica Lieberman**.

If you are interested in joining the group, call 498-7506.

STUDENTS HELP WRITE SERVICE

The writings of several Temple Har Zion students appeared as part of the temple's Yom Hashoa commemorative service. The students are **Stacey Halberstadt**, **Kerri Porretta**, **Deborah Epstein**, **Tammy Fisher**, **Meredith Diamond**, **Shana Bacal**, **Michelle Matsdorf**, **Kim Poster** and **Jennifer Bendayan**.



MOZART FESTIVAL

Charles Bornstein, shown rehearsing with the London Festival Orchestra, was recently appointed director of the Rockford Symphony Orchestra in Illinois. This year's 2-week Mozart Festival in London, Ont., under his direction, begins June 5. It will feature pianist **Janina Fialkowska**, flautist **Jody Evans**, harpist **Maria Lorcini**, soprano **Joan Dornfeld**, mezzo **Deborah Milsom**, tenor **Martin Chambers**, baritone **Alvin Reimer**, organist **Hugh McLean** and the **Elmer Iseler Singers**.

By including the students' work, the organizers sought to involve today's teens in remembering the Holocaust. The service was in English, Hebrew and Yiddish.

Coordinator was **Jerry Szajman**. Author was **Ray Havelock**.

INVESTMENT SEMINARS

A free seminar series entitled Successful Investing Depends on Knowing Your Alternatives is being offered by **McLeod-Young Weir**. Open to the public, the series started May 28 with Tax and Investment Planning and continues Tuesday, June 3, with Retirement Planning; Thursday, June 12 with Mutual Funds, and Tuesday, June 17 with Mortgage RRSPs.

Seminars are held at 7 p.m. in the Commercial Union Tower, Toronto Dominion Centre, 77 Wellington St. W. For reservations, call 863-7564.

ARTS AGAINST APARTHEID

Highlights of the Toronto Arts Against Apartheid Festival, running to June 1, include the Market Theatre of Johannesburg presentations of the play *Asinamali* at the Toronto Workshop Productions Theatre, 12 Alexander St., at 8 p.m. (tickets \$10 at box office); the **Bishop Desmond Tutu** dinner at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Friday, May 30, with honored guests **Premier David Peterson** and singer **Harry Belafonte**, and on Saturday, May 31, a rally at Queen's Park organized by a coalition of Toronto anti-apartheid groups, a forum on Education Response to Apartheid with guest **Dame Nita Barrow**, president, International Council for Adult Education, and a major concert in the evening at Massey Hall featuring **Harry Belafonte** and his orchestra plus an appearance by **Bishop Tutu** (tickets at BASS outlets).

For details, call 591-1179.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

The Metropolitan Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded needs help with summer programs for pre-school children with mental and physical handicaps. The volunteers work with the children to develop cognitive, motor, language and social skills.

If you are 13 years or older, available 10-15 weekday mornings in July and can help with games, crafts and other camp programs, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

DENTAL TOUR TO ISRAEL

A dental pilot tour is being arranged for those interested in exploring the possibilities of living and working in Israel. This pilot tour will hold seminars of interest in many areas such as dental service in the Israel Defence Forces, dental facilities at a kibbutz, private dental companies and much more.

Departure is from New York June 30 and returns July 14. The cost for dentist is \$850 U.S. and \$1,000 for accompanying spouse. This includes round trip El Al air flight, hotel accommodations, two meals a day and all land transportation.

The World Dental Conference in Jerusalem will also be held during this time and any dentist who wishes to participate will be invited to attend. The cost for this registration is \$295 U.S. Income tax receipts for this conference will be issued.

For further information, contact the Israel Aliyah Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 355, Downsview, Ont., M3J 2E5 or call (416) 665-7772.

THYROID FOUNDATION MEETING

The Metropolitan Toronto Chapter of the Thyroid Foundation of Canada is presenting **Dr. Glen Boggio**, chiropractor, who will discuss Nutrition and Stress — a Holistic View on May 31, at 2 p.m. at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, lecture theatre, 2075 Bayview Ave. (enter through Warriors Hall, East Wing).

Everyone is welcome and admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For information, call the foundation at 229-6406.

WINDSOR UJA WOMEN'S DIVISION

The 1986 Women's Division United Jewish Appeal campaign of Windsor began May 6 with a special educational program, Update 86. More than 150 members of Windsor's Jewish community were in attendance to meet **Milton Harris**, who was soon to retire as national president of Canadian Jewish Congress. His topic was The Jewish Lobby in Canada.

The chairmen for Update 86 were **Ruth Booth** and **Marcey Katzman**. Committee members included **Ruth Berger**, **Ellen Brudner**, **Sharon Kaplan**, **Evelyn Freiman**, **Sharon Hochberg**, 1986 campaign chairman, and **Harriet Whiteman**, 1986 campaign co-chairman.

singles

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On Sunday, June 1, **Beth Tikvah Chai Group** is having a general meeting to elect the executive for the 1986-87 season. The proposed slate of officers will be presented and any vacancies will be filled. It is the aim of the group to continue the calibre of programs and to keep Chai operating at its present successful level. Your support is needed! There is no charge for this meeting. Everyone is welcome. The time is 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, downstairs boardroom, 3080 Bayview Ave. Refreshments will be served.

Northern Singles Plus 40 opens its doors on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, beginning June 2. If you enjoy dancing, conversation, music, refreshments and mingling, then drop by the Upstairs Lounge, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 JCC members, \$2 non-members.

Kallanit Chapter, Na'amat Pioneer Women (mid 20s to mid 30s) invites other young women to a membership evening to hear about Psychic Phenomena on Thursday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. For further details, call 787-1069 or 636-5425.

If you have been looking for your long-lost Leo, search no more. He or she is sure to be found Sunday, June 1, at the Dunfield Club, 110 Eglinton Ave. E. (near Holly St.). Starting at 8 p.m., a Zodiac Party will be held, where people will be matched according to their astrological signs. There will be a disc jockey, great dancing and good fun. Cover is \$7. Call **High Society** at 446-1394.

Starlight Productions invites you to a pre-summer singles super dance Saturday, May 31, at 8 p.m., at Friday's (upstairs), 204 Eglinton Ave. E. Ladies admission will be half price for the first hour. There will be free munchies and a door prize of dinner for two. Save \$1 on regular admission of \$7 with this announcement. Limit of one coupon per person.

For details on upcoming Jewish singles parties, weekends and trips (such as to Israel), call **Metro Toronto Singles** at 222-7111 and ask for Sid.

Jeff Perlmutar invites you to a Super Singles Party on Tuesday, June 3, at 8:30 p.m. at **Rooneys**, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of

St. Clair, at Yonge). Cover is \$6. Door prize is a dinner for two at Le Connaisseur.

A Labor Day Weekend for Singles could be a dream come true, like going back to camp, complete with water and land sports, social activities and more. Call 731-5194 for further information. Don't miss out! Call now!

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Please note: The deadline for the What's New and About People columns is now 5 p.m. Monday, a week prior to the issue date (i.e. deadline for the June 12 issue is Monday, June 2). I will be at my desk Mondays to receive your calls.

When Monday is a holiday, the deadline will be moved back to the previous Friday.

The month of June has been declared Senior Citizen's Month in the City of North York by **Mayor Mel Lastman**. Special activities throughout the month have been planned by volunteer senior committees and the North York parks and recreation department. They start off with a Leisure Arts exhibition of examples of work and demonstrations of 2,000 older adult participants on display at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St., through to May 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A bridge tournament will be played in seniors' clubs and residences throughout June. The cost to join in the fun is \$2. For more information, call 489-2266 or 489-5863. Further activities will be announced as they occur.

The **Seniors' Services Committee of North York Inter-Agency Council** announces a general meeting dealing with Access to Opportunities: Community Support for Seniors to take place Thursday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to noon at **Earl Bales Community Centre** (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Guest speaker will be **Ron Van**

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EMPLOYER OF YEAR

Sol Unger (right) receives Reena Foundation's employer of the year award, the group's first, from **Howard Latchman**, who has been working for Unger for the past three years, and **Eleanor London**, Reena's outgoing president. [Graphic Artists photo]

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT RECEPTION

The Israel consul-general Gideon Saguy and Mrs. Saguy (2nd and third from left) hosted the annual Yom Ha'atzmaut reception in Toronto recently and among the guests were (from left) John Roberts, Joel Kirble, Shirley Diamond, Eph Diamond and Dr. William Kilbourn.



JCC TURNS 25

The northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a ceremonial tree planting on the grounds. Seen here with Monte Kwinter (2nd from right), Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations, are members, past and present of the JCC executive. From left: Jacob Balin, Paul Brownstein, Herish Fogel, Alex Fisher, Bernard Kamin, and Alan Zender. [Mark Stern photo]



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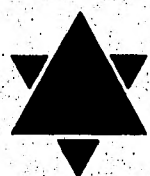
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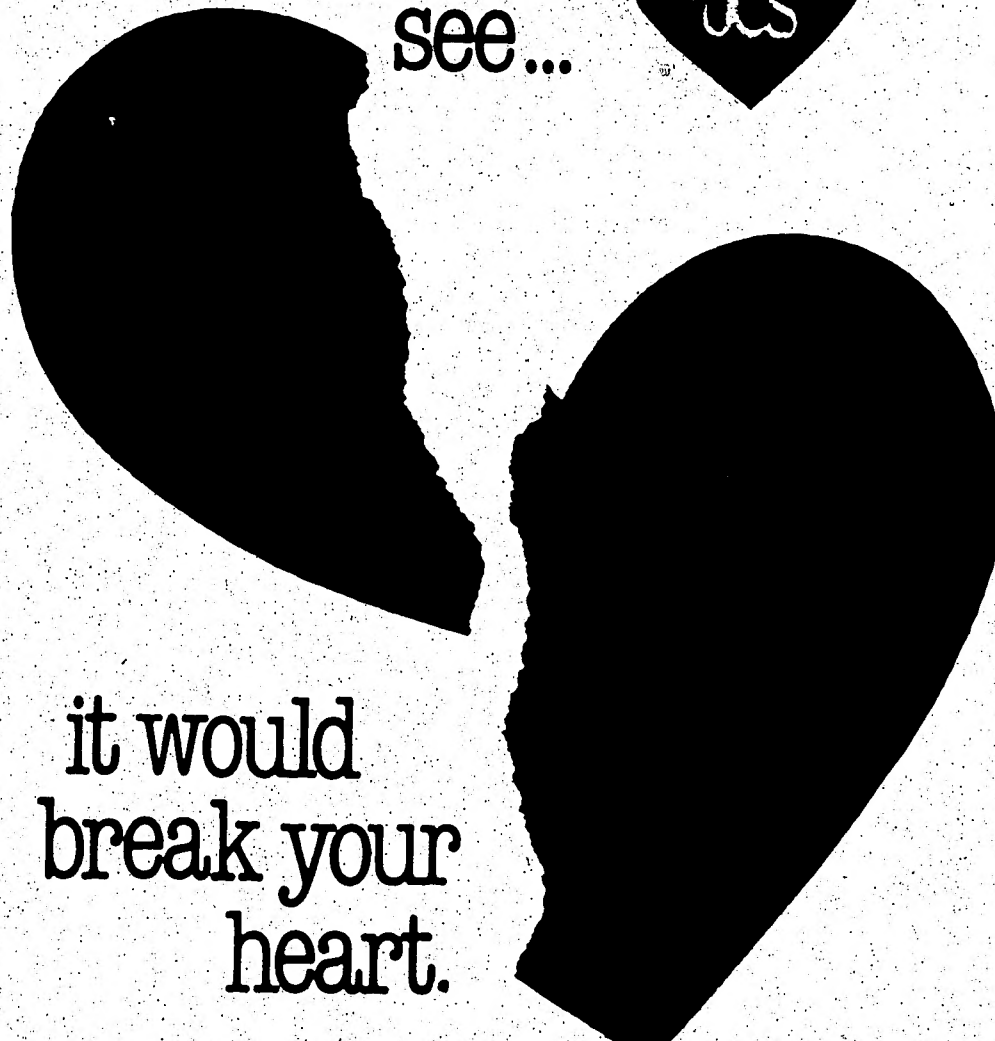
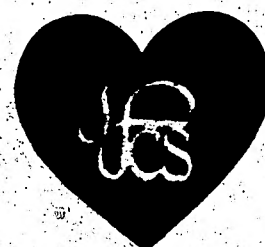
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What's New

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Horne, minister of seniors' affairs. Panelists include **Honey Kerr-Went**, president, North York Inter-Agency Council; **Reva Spunt**, Seniors' Services and executive committee, and **Michael Klejman**, Ontario ministry of community and social services. RSVP to NYISC office at 226-5505 by May 30.

Temple Sinai Seniors meets on Tuesday, June 3, at 1 p.m. at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave., for a pleasant afternoon with guest artist guitarist-singer **Arnie Wiskin**. Admission is \$1 members, \$1.50 non-members.

The **Senior Citizens Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance** is open five days a week, Monday through Friday, from noon to 4 p.m. at 272 Codsell Ave. Everyone is welcome for a social afternoon of cards, chess, discussions and refreshments. **Jack Goldbach** is president. The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Shuffleboard is held Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. A shuffleboard tournament is being arranged. Three outings are planned for the summer. May 27-28, a 2-day trip to Ottawa to include a reception on Parliament Hill and visits to the Tulip Festival and the mint; June 24, a trip to Kingston by bus and then a 2-hour boat ride through the Thousand Islands, lunch and supper not included, and a July trip, date not set yet, to the Catskills for one week to include transportation and all meals.

North York Seniors Centre and **SCOPE** (School and Community Outreach Program for the Elderly) are co-sponsoring a health fair Wednesday June 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St. Admission and services are free. All seniors are welcome. Services include blood pressure testing, glaucoma screening, foot care, optician and more. If you want more information, call the centre at 226-5614.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is holding a general membership meeting on Thursday, June 5, at 2 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). Come one and all and enjoy an afternoon with the members. This is an important meeting. Members, if you have any alterations, come on Mondays from 9-11 a.m. and let **Issie Samit** help you sew a seam, put up a cuff, fix a jacket and such. There is a nutrition class every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. with a dietician. This is a most interesting program and is free to members. Come and enjoy this learning experience with **Debbie**. For further information about Earl Bales Seniors' Centre meetings and activities, call **Pearl** at 636-7856 Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The **JCC Singers** is a seniors choir affiliated with the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., where rehearsals are held every Thursday from 9.30-11 a.m. in Room 221. It entertains at seniors homes, hospitals and community events. New singers are welcome to train and sing with the choir at forthcoming events. The JCC Singers will sing for seniors at the Wagman Centre on June 3 at 7.30 p.m. and at Habonim Congregation on June 8 at 2.30 p.m. For information, contact the president, **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468.

On Tuesday, June 3, **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** is having a musicale luncheon featuring **Aldo Magiorotti** and his international singers. The time is 12.30 p.m. and the charge is \$5.50. Everyone must reserve by calling 781-3511.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni closing luncheon is set for Wednesday, June 4, at 12.30 p.m. with a new program of Yiddish songs by **Naomi Bell** at 1.30.

Club Chaverim of the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., meets on Monday, June 2, at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of bingo and other games. Refreshments will be served. Call 889-0813 for information.

A reminder that discount cards for senior citizens 55 and over entitling you to many discounts in Don Mills and surrounding areas may be purchased on Friday, May 30, from noon to 3 p.m. at **Taylor Place**, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills (corner of The Donway West). The charge is \$6.

Beth Shalom Seniors election of officers and installation meeting is set for Wednesday, June 4, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. For information, call **Eve Donisky**, publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

Senior Sinait of Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., meets on Tuesday, June 3, at 1 p.m. There will be entertainment by singer-guitarist **Arnie Wiskin**. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Admission is \$1 members, \$1.50 non-members.

The **Association of Jewish Seniors'** 15th annual conference, **Senior Power in the Future**, takes place May 28 and 29 at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. Program begins with

registration at 7 p.m. Wednesday, the 28th, followed by opening ceremonies with Israel consul general **Gideon Saguy** and Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations **Monte Kwinter** and then dancing to the **Maurice Turk** orchestra and refreshments. Thursday morning speakers includes Ontario Attorney-General **Ian Scott** and **Ivy St. Lawrence**, Ontario Advisory Council on Seniors, followed by lunch and speaker Ontario Minister for Senior Affairs **Ron Van Horne**. There will also be entertainment and door prizes. For information, call **Jennie Gilbert** at 635-2860.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets for lunch and entertainment on Tuesday, June 3, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Seats are still available for trips. Come out to the meeting and find out about them. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Wednesday afternoon social on June 4 features a Caravan Fashion Show at 1.30. Admission is \$1 members, \$1.50 non-members. Refreshments will be served.

A movie will be shown at the Sunday, June 1, program at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1 members, \$1.50 non-members.

The Health Lecture Series on Nutrition Education concludes on Thursday, May 29. The time is 1.30-2.30 p.m. Admission is free for members, \$1 for non-members. Lectures are co-sponsored by New Horizons, Health & Welfare Canada.

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The Jewish Community Centre and Maccabi Canada are excited about hosting the North American Maccabi Youth Games Aug. 15-21. Athletics will not be the sole activity at the games. There will be cultural events, Kabbalat Shabbat, Jewish programming and an Israeli night. For Maccabi organizers, strengthening the links between Jewish athletes and their heritage is a main raison d'être of the entire exercise. If you can house an athlete, call **Barbara Lampcov** at 636-1880, ext. 232.

About People

SEMINARY GRADUATES

Two Canadians were among the more than 65 graduates honored at the 92nd commencement exercises at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City earlier this month.

Geoffrey Haber of Richmond, BC was ordained a rabbi by the Rabbinical School. The recipient of numerous awards, he is currently an intern to **Rabbi Yakov Hilsenrath** of Highland Park, NJ. His wife **Gilah (Jill) Haber** is a graduate of the Seminary's joint degree program with Columbia University in New York.

Ron Muroff of Willowdale was granted a bachelor of arts degree from the Seminary College. He is currently active in numerous programs for Jewish youth, serving as a United Synagogue Youth Advisor for Temple Israel in Scotch Plains, NY; and school teacher for the Society for the Advancement of Judaism. He was also the founder and coordinator of the Garin Markeret Aliyah, a support group for Conservative young Jews interested in aliyah. Ron has received numerous prizes, including the Rubin and Regina Hyman Memorial Award for outstanding achievement.

FOUND'S EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

When a member of **Katherine Manley's** family was diagnosed as having epilepsy three years ago, she and her husband **Dr. Paul Manley**, a pathologist at Kingston General Hospital, discovered that there were no support systems or educational programs to fall back on.

Through their efforts, Epilepsy Kingston was formed last year. The organization's goal is to provide public education services and support to Kingston and area residents with epilepsy.

Starting off in a corner of Mrs. Manley's office in the basement of her home where she runs a translation service, the organization has since moved to Kidd House, 100 Stuart St., Kingston. The official opening is planned for June 10.

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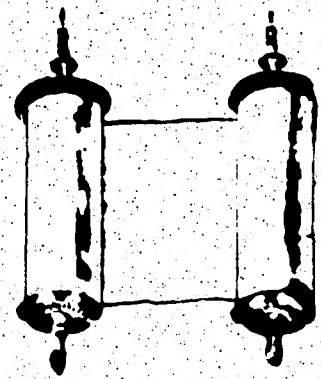
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RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bechukotai

Blessings and curses are in our hands. If we have a good heart, if we follow G-d's commands, everything is good.

The worse curse is machlokes — when Jews fight with Jews.

There was once a great war — between two rival chassidic factions, Sanz and Sedigereh. Each group published tracts supporting its view and attacking the others. To strengthen their cause, they invoked the names of earlier saints and scholars, claiming them to their side.

Commented the brilliant Rabbi Yosef Shaul Nathanson: "In the section of blessings in the Torah, there is a promise — 'And I will put peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid.'"

"When there is peace among different chassidic groups, then the scholars of old can rest in peace in their graves. But if there are disputes, they have no peace — because each side tries to turn them over to their side. . . ." (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer).

Torah is holy, but you have to pay a price — struggle!

The section of blessings begins. . . "Im bichukotai taylaychu! If you will go according to my statutes. . . ."

And the rabbis explain: "That you shall be amaim — struggling over the Torah. . . ."

The rabbis didn't say we should just study Torah — but **amaim** ba'Torah — attached to Torah, kneading over the Torah.

Every step we take must be Torah.

Every job, every house, every dream, every hope — with Torah.

Im bichukotai taylaychu! If you go according to my statutes!

Why does it say bichukotai?

Bichukotai comes from the Hebrew "chikuk" — to be "engraved." Taught Reb Schneor Zalman of Liadi: The Torah has to reach a point where it is engraved on a Jew. Not a Jew studies Torah — but a Jew and Torah are one!

And if so. . . taylaychu! You shall go! You will not stay stagnant, you will not stay average, but grow and shine and find new excitement every day — in being a Jew!

A Jew has to feel God every moment.

A chassid boasted to a mitnaged (anti-chassid) of the miracles that his rebbe had wrought. The mitnaged shook his head in disbelief.

"What?" demanded the chassid, "do you not believe what the Talmud teaches that 'tzaddik gozair' . . . a righteous person decrees and the Almighty must listen. . . ."

Answered the mitnaged: "For me, it is a greater miracle when the Almighty decrees and a Jew listens to Him!"

Torah does not come cheap — we have to study with awe and joy.

"Yogati umatzati taamin. . . . If a Jew says I labored hard and was able to reach understanding of Torah — taamin! You can believe him. . . ." (Megilah 6)

What does it mean — believe? But believe that only the Torah he struggled over will stay with him.

The Jewish nation has struggled over the Torah for 4,000 years. Winds of change have blown from every side, new philosophies, new movements, new revolutions.

They can bend us, but they cannot break us — they cannot rip the Torah from our hands.

Shabbat Shalom.

Three groups seek entry CJC (Ontario) to get new blood

By
LEWIS LEVENDEL

TORONTO —

The Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region Council election meeting on June 1 is expected to see an injection of "new blood and new ideas" into the organization as a result of the recent CJC plenary assembly.

In an interview, Dr. Edmond Lipsitz, the region's executive director, expressed satisfaction at the number of nominations received aside from those

put forward by the CJC nominations committee. (Nominations closed April 26.) Elections will be held for the regional officers and executive committee, as well as regional members of the national executive — all for 3-year terms.

Lipsitz explained that, as a result of the plenary, three new groups are seeking entry into the organization. They include volunteers who worked on the assembly's arrangements committee, the mainly youthful supporters

of CJC national presidency candidate Moshe Ronen, and a large group of United Jewish Appeal leaders who came out to support new president, Dorothy Reitman.

The meeting, at 10 a.m. at the Lipa Green Building, will also hear a report on the plenary from David Satok, CJC national vice-president for the Ontario Region. Charles Zaionz, the newly-elected regional chairman, will preside.

Prior to the meeting, Mira Koschitzky, chairman of the nominations committee, announced the selection of 10 regional officers-at-large. They are: Mark S. Anshan, Jacques Ben-Quesus, Yitz Feldman, Naomi Jacobs, Adrienne Offman, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, Herb Rosenfeld, Toni Silberman, Sam Sable and Rose Wolfe.

Lipsitz believes some of the Congress newcomers — "people with fresh ideas" — will be selected to become part of the executive committee and, eventually, officers. The



Dr. Edmond Lipsitz

CJC plans to involve the newcomers immediately in organizational activities.

As far as Lipsitz is concerned, Congress over the next three years must: improve communications by the establishment of a public relations committee, and by professional assistance; examine the overall structure of committees — especially the number involved in international concerns; study the best ways of serving the

small communities and enlarge outreach high school programs for out-of-town students.

Lipsitz also urged the expansion of Congress political liaison committees. At this time, there are committees meeting politicians and officials in 20 constituencies. "We have to increase the effectiveness of these committees by expanding into other ridings outside the Toronto area," said Lipsitz.

Meanwhile, the Congress nominations committee announced a list of nominees to the national executive from the Ontario Region. They are: Mark S. Anshan, Donald Carr, Judy Feld Carr, Sol Edell, Judge Sam Filer, Hinda Friedman, Naomi Jacobs, Julia Koschitzky, Saul Koschitzky, Louis Lenkinski, Sam Lipsitz, Dr. Jeffrey Lipsitz, Max Shecter, Herb Rosenfeld, J. B. Salsberg, Toni Silberman, Eric Slavens, Harry Steiner, Sharon Weintraub and Rose Wolfe.

USDS reunion stirs memories

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Warm memories abounded recently as students, faculty and parents flocked to Beth Tzedec Synagogue for the 25th anniversary reunion of United Synagogue Day School.

"My kids met their best friends here and they couldn't wait to come tonight," said Jeanette Goldman who has two children who are graduates of USDS and who has another two currently in the school.

Goldman said that what she likes about USDS is that "students are taught a commitment to the Jewish community that they always carry with them."

Chuckles echoed throughout the crowd of over 250 as past students were presented with "now that I can't get detention awards" for such pranks as breaking school windows and removing window blinds.

Author Allan Gould who taught afternoon Hebrew classes at the school entertained the crowd with humorous accounts of life at USDS.

USDS, the largest Con-

servative day school in North America, has taught over 2,000 students in its 25-year history and currently has a student body of over 800. There is a campus of USDS at 1700 Bathurst St. and a 2nd campus at 3080 Bayview Ave.

The faculty includes specialists in French, Bible studies, music, computers, Israeli folkdance, art, science and physical education and sports. "Students come out really well-rounded, ready for any challenges they may meet," said Goldman.

Dr. Aaron Nussbaum, director of education of USDS told the crowd that when the school was founded its goals were Judaism and education. "While we wanted to keep the tradition we also wanted to be receptive to new ideas and innovations. Our hopes have certainly been realized," he said.

Nussbaum added that as good as things were in the past he expects they will get even better.

Beverly Kirsh, coordinator of the Bathurst Campus, and whose own children graduated from the school, said that students leave USDS with a very warm feeling for the school and each other.

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South African bishop to speak at Holy Blossom

Marmur "misinformed" in saying Tutu pro-PLO

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Rabbi Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Temple says he was "misinformed" when he told The Toronto Star that South African Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu has sympathies for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Tutu, one of apartheid's

most vocal opponents, is scheduled to speak at Holy Blossom on June 1. Marmur said in a Star interview that he was aware his congregation is taking risks by having Tutu speak there because the Nobel Prize winning bishop's "PLO sympathies are not a secret and his opposition to Israeli support of the South African regime is quite vociferous."

In a letter to The CJN, Marmur writes "it appears that my statement concerning the forthcoming visit of Tutu to Holy Blossom Temple, as quoted in The Toronto Star on May 10, is open to misunderstanding. I deeply regret this and wish to make (a) clarification."

Marmur said later that his information concerning Tutu's alleged ties with the PLO "came

from overseas. I was misinformed. I was relieved to find out later that (Tutu) had not expressed such views." Marmur said he received the correct information about Tutu from Manuel Prutschi of Canadian Jewish Congress's community relations department.

Prutschi told The CJN "there is nothing on record to suggest (Tutu) has ties or sympathies with the PLO."

"The bishop does have a tendency to single out Israel for criticism and that's unfortunate," Prutschi said, "but the Mideast is not his strong suit."

At a meeting a few months ago with members of the American Jewish Committee, Tutu said he linked himself strongly with the Jewish prophetic tradition but felt pained that Israel

conducts trade with South Africa, Prutschi said. However, Prutschi pointed out, Israel's trade with Pretoria is small compared with other Western nations.

Even if Tutu did express sympathies for the PLO, the Jewish community should still welcome him in solidarity, Marmur said, as if his political views did not exist.

"The fact that Tutu is a religious leader before he is a politician is relevant. As concerned Jews, we speak out of the conviction that apartheid is an unqualified evil because it violates the fundamental religious principle that all human beings are created in the image of God," Marmur says.

"As Jews we are called upon to espouse the cause of freedom. Our commitment to Jewish values obliges us to fight evil wherever we find it and with whatever peaceful

means at our disposal. We therefore share many of the bishop's assumptions and objectives. Because apartheid is evil, we have to fight it and we have to show solidarity with its victims. To salute Tutu is to do both."

Marmur admits Tutu's visit will not be without controversy: "Despite our insistence that he will be speaking to a congregation of Jews and not to representatives of the government of Israel, the bishop may say things we don't want to hear. It is a risk we must take."

Marmur added that it is important for Jews to forge links with the South African leadership. "Information received suggests that Jewish attempts at such contacts have been rebuffed. No doubt Bishop Tutu has had his own political reasons to keep away from the Jews. Quite possibly, South African Jewry has

had its reasons to view him with caution, even suspicion."

"He is said to speak differently out of South Africa than he does at home. Addressing a congregation of Jews in Toronto may give him an opportunity to speak indirectly to the Jews in South Africa. We will be listening to every nuance and every allusion and expect him to give a positive and helpful message."

The purpose of the encounter with Tutu is "to be inspired and directed to act as a Jewish community on behalf of South Africa's disenfranchised and humiliated Black population," Marmur added.

Tutu will be introduced by Stephen Lewis, Canada's ambassador to the United Nations. The event, to start at noon, is part of the Toronto Arts Against Apartheid Festival, from May 25 to June 1.

Beth Sholom brotherhood honors Lincoln Alexander

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Members of Beth Sholom Brotherhood have paid tribute to Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander by awarding him their 36th Annual Humanitarian Award.

Alexander was honored by about 450 members of the brotherhood as well as political and business leaders at a recent dinner held at the synagogue.

Mendel Green, who along with Frank Cadesky was dinner co-chairman, said that Alexander was given the award because, as the first Black Lieutenant-Governor in Canada "he is a role model for breaking down prejudices."

Green explained that the Humanitarian Award was created in 1951 because of the need for better "understanding between the Jewish community and other groups in Canada." The award honors outstanding Cana-

dians for their "splendid achievement in the field of humanitarian service and for furthering the cause of brotherhood, regardless of race, color or creed."

MPP Monte Kwinter congratulated Alexander at the dinner and read a letter from Premier David Peterson stating that Alexander was chosen "because of his compassion for his fellow man."

Federal Multiculturalism Minister Otto Jelenik brought a message from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney who said that "no other person better exemplifies what Canada is all about than Alexander."

Alexander, 64, told the crowd that "although we've come a long way, I know a lot who haven't made it. You have to be very vigilant, ever ready to take up the flag and wave it for those who are less fortunate."

He added that he is taking it upon himself to try "to improve race relations and enlighten those who think of minority groups as

second class citizens."

Alexander also received tributes from North York Mayor Mel Lastman who told the crowd that Alexander is a "people person who has greatly inspired youngsters to reach for the stars" and Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn who said the Lieutenant-Governor is "truly deserving of the fine honor he is receiving tonight."

Previous recipients of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Humanitarian Award include Maureen Forrester, John Diefenbaker, John Robarts and Roland Michener.

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JCC to honor Charles Bronfman

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto will honor Charles Bronfman as its 1986 Sportsman of the Year at a dinner at the Sheraton Centre on Thursday, June 26.

Celebrities from a variety of sports will attend, including representatives of the Montreal Expos, Toronto Blue Jays and the Toronto Maple Leafs. Other sportsmen and women who will share head table honors include Laurie Graham, Victor Davis, Tracy Wainman, Red Kelly, Jeff Fell and Tony Gabriel.

"Mr. Personality," Jake Dunlap, will be master of ceremonies and headline speaker will be actor Donald Sutherland.

The event is a major fund raising project of the JCC, with tables of 10 available at \$2,000 each. More than 1,000 people are expected to be on hand for the tribute to Bronfman. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the youth and special needs program at the JCC.

Bronfman has made a tremendous contribution to

both amateur and professional sports in Canada (he's owner of the Expos) and "is a natural for this recognition in our community," says a statement of JCC.



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Beth Tzedec rings with greetings of "chag samayach"

Diplomats, academics, politicians toast Israel

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"Chag Samayach" was heard everywhere and the Beth Tzedec Synagogue was filled with esprit de corps when more than 800 guests came to celebrate Israel's Independence Day with Israel's Consul-General Gideon Saguy and his wife Meri.

The Saguys greeted each guest by name as they stood beside an Israeli flag and a blue and white chocolate flag with the words "Yom Ha'atzmaut." The 24-inch chocolate flag, created by Chocolate Charm, was placed beside a floral arrangement sent to the celebration by Ontario Premier David Peterson along with flowers from B'nai B'rith, ORT, Na'amat-Pioneer Women and Toronto Hadassah.

Standing around the serving tables filled with

vegetables and hors d'oeuvres and sipping Israeli wine, many guests were conversing in Hebrew giving the lively Independence Day gathering a touch of Israel.

Familiar faces from government, the diplomatic corps, the clergy, the media and the arts, community leaders, and numerous friends the Saguys have made during their four years in Canada, mixed in a simcha atmosphere.

Shlichim, professors and doctors from Israel who are on sabbatical in Canada, representatives of Israeli universities and hospitals, and representatives of the Jewish Agency carried on spirited conversations.

Adding an international flavor to the evening, Estrella Berenguel, the Philippine consul-general was discussing the increased number of women in the Canadian diplomatic corps with Dr. Moni-

ka Maicen, the deputy trade commissioner of Austria.

And the consul of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Christine Galt of the Trinidad and Tobago Tourist Board were discussing tourism.

Numerous heads of foreign missions and their spouses attended including the consuls-general from France, Japan, Italy, West Germany and others.

And everywhere, community leaders discussed their pet projects. There were the leaders of B'nai B'rith, Hadassah-WIZO, Mizrahi, Canadian Jewish Congress, ORT, Hebrew University, Bar Ilan University, Shaare Zedek Hospital, the State of Israel Bonds, Welfare of Soldiers in Israel and many others.

Among the political leaders greeted by the Saguys were Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of

consumer and commercial relations; Tony Ruprecht, minister without portfolio responsible for citizenship and culture; Hershell Ezrin, principal assistant to the premier of Ontario; the mayor of Toronto Art Eggleton and Chief Justice W. G. C. Howland.

Irwin Cotler, Irving Abella, William Kilbourn, Sally Zerk, and other professors from the University of Toronto and York University joined the festivities.

And some of the clergy included Rabbis Benjamin Friedberg, Henry Hoschander, Erwin Schild, Moshe Stern and Jordan Pearlson.

Some of those who attended from the media and the arts were Suzanne Blackburn-Toledo of the London Free Press, TV personality Al Waxman, film producer Harry Rasky,

CJN editor Maurice Lucow, J. B. Salsberg, Rabbi Gunther Plaut and Rick Kardonne.

The creme de la creme of the Toronto Jewish community turned out. Jewish community leaders present included Rose and Ray Wolfe, Judy and Donald Carr, Mirial Small, Harriet Morton, Joe Tannenbaum, Myrtle and Harvey Coopersmith, Elaine and Jack Culiner and Kurt Rothschild.

The Halberts, Ralph and Gerry, got into the spirit of the party along with Elaine and Julie James, Mira and Sol Koschitzky, Julie and Henry Koschitzky, Edith and Ralph Fisher, Harry Bick of Montreal, Max Schechter, David Goldstein, Shirley and Eph Diamond, Moshe Ronen, and Esther and Irving Matlow.

Performing at the celebration was 26-year-old Gordon Steinberg, a concert pianist and music teacher who says that Meri Saguy was one of the people to discover him. Steinberg, who recently had a recital, played Israeli music and Polonaise Heroic in A flat.

Taking a few minutes out from the effervescent crowd, Saguy said in a brief interview with The

CJN, "My feelings today are overwhelming — that so many people from the diplomatic community, politicians and friends like Chief Justice Howland and General Bruce Legg are here to celebrate Israel's 38th anniversary — just overwhelming."

Saguy, who served in the Israeli army, was visibly moved with emotion as he paid tribute to the dead who gave their lives for Israel and the Jewish people. "As we celebrate together, first and foremost, we recall their memory on the eve of Independence Day."

The consul-general says that although he has attended many Independence Day celebrations, this day had special significance.

"This is the first time in the annals of Israeli diplomatic representation in Canada that a proclamation recognizing Israel's anniversary was signed in the Ontario Legislature in the presence of 50 guests from the Jewish community."

"And the premier (David Peterson) came to celebrate with us," he noted.

Throughout the evening, Meri Saguy, the tall, vivacious and statuesque blond hostess, mingled with the guests, introducing groups of people.

In her stately manner, she displayed the gracious

qualities that ingratiated her into the hearts of the Toronto community. The Saguys will be missed when they return to Israel at the completion of their service in Canada.

Earlier in the day, Saguy received a message from Ontario David Peterson extending congratulations "to the State of Israel... and my warm wishes to you, Mrs. Saguy and guests gathered to celebrate Israel's Independence Day."

"The people of Israel," said Peterson, "have overcome tremendous obstacles in building a nation. Your clear success can only be attributed to: courage, tenacity and an enlightened vision of the future."

"I find the pioneering spirit that provides Israel's strength a source of inspiration."

Peterson added: "A land that stands for freedom, unity and the dignity of the individual has flourished as a result of years of dogged determination, and faith. For that, Ontarians share the immense pride and joy you feel today. All of us who have faith that democracies can thrive join with you in expressing confidence that the State of Israel will forever remain united in independence and peace."



Left to right: Ray Wolfe, Consul-General Gideon Saguy, Rose Wolfe, Meri Saguy, Monte Kwinter.



Left to right: Consul-General Saguy, Meri Saguy, W.G.C. Howland, Chief Justice of The Ontario Court of Appeal.

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Appeal launched for tipster in Rosenblum case

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — An unofficial appeal for funds has gone out to help raise reward money for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder last month in Pittsburgh of Toronto rabbi Neil Rosenblum.

Officials in Pittsburgh are appealing to Toronto to raise \$19,000 U.S. (about \$26,000 Canadian) to bring the total reward in the case to \$50,000 U.S.

On May 8, an anonymous caller telephoned a Pittsburgh crime tip service and said he would reveal information about the April 17 shooting death of 24-year-old Rosenblum if the reward was raised from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Police are treating the call seriously as the strongest lead in the case — the color of the car the killer or killers were riding, a dark colored Corvette — has all but dried up.

Tony Hovanec, chief of police in the Borough of Beaver, 32 kilometres west of Pittsburgh and head of the area's Crime Solvers Hotline program, told The CJN he is treating the call seriously and hopes the tipster will call back if the reward money is raised.

"If it gets the murderers off the streets and shows the (Rosenblum) family they're not alone, I think it's worth it," Hovanec said, but admitted he doesn't like the idea of someone wanting a specific amount of money to talk about a cold-blooded killing.

He said the service has received "about 60" calls, all of which are being followed up. However, Hovanec said he "will not go higher than \$50,000."

"I treat all calls serious-

ly. I'd hate to say, 'I had

the opportunity to catch the guy and I let him slip away."

"(Rosenblum) was here with his wife and his child. That child will never get to know her father. That's what stinks."

Rosenblum, a graduate of Ner Israel Yeshiva in Thornhill, was visiting his in-laws in Pittsburgh with his wife and month-old daughter to celebrate Passover. He was returning from late synagogue services in a predominantly Jewish district of the city when a car pulled up and one of two men asked for directions. For no apparent reason, Rosenblum was shot six times at close range. He died in hospital the following morning.

Before lapsing into unconsciousness, he described the car to a passerby as a dark blue or black Corvette.

Lieut. Leo O'Neill, assistant to the chief of police of Pittsburgh, said there are "no new developments" in the case.

O'Neill told The CJN police are checking over 3,000 Corvettes of all colors because they are not discounting the possibility the car in question may have been painted.

He said police can't deny the crime service caller could offer new leads, "but I can't really see a solid lead in that."

All 18 officers on the city's homicide team are working on the case, he added.

Rosenblum was dressed in Orthodox garb and police have still not discounted the possibility of a racially motivated attack, although Hovanec suspects the murder was not because Rosenblum was Jewish — "He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Pittsburgh police "are still doing everything they

can," Hovanec added.

Gregory Deacon, director of Toronto and Regional Crime Stoppers, said all contributions to the Rosenblum reward fund are welcome.

So far, Deacon told The CJN, \$1,120 has been raised and about 40 callers

have pledged funds and support.

Deacon explained that funds collected for the reward are held in trust and checks cashed only upon arrest of a suspect. If there is no conviction of the suspect, money would be returned. If there is a con-

viction, a tax receipt will be available.

Steve Ain, executive director of Toronto Jewish Congress, said his organization hasn't been asked to contribute to the fund. "No one's approached us. We haven't discussed it," Ain said.

Shortly after the murder, Pittsburgh Mayor Richard Caligiuri posted a \$10,000 reward for information

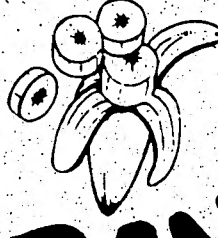
leading to an arrest and conviction. An anonymous donor or donors, believed to be from a Pittsburgh Jewish organization, soon

added another \$20,000 and Hovanec added \$1,000 from his Crime Solvers program.

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5,000 protest deportation

TORONTO — About 5,000 people gathered outside the American consulate last week to protest the deportation of war criminal Andrija Artukovic to Yugoslavia.

The rally, which lasted about two hours, featured a large number of young people, many sporting traditional dress. The demonstrators carried large blue, red and white Croatian flags and placards brandishing a variety of messages, including the call for an independent Croatia state. (Croatia is now a part of Yugoslavia).

Other posters denied there ever was a fascist or Nazi party in wartime Croatia, some called for an end to hate-mongering while another proclaimed "Today Waldheim, Tomorrow You."

Falsifier Ernst Zundel, convicted 14 months ago for publishing lies about the Holocaust, was on hand to photograph the demonstration and, ac-

cording to the Toronto Star, "kibitzed" with the demonstrators.

The Star reported that Zundel "supported the demonstration," and would have addressed the rally but for a court order imposed as a term of his bail which prevents him from speaking on the Holocaust.

Zundel was convicted for disseminating false information by publishing a booklet which claimed the Holocaust was a myth.

Artukovic, who was deported from the U.S. to Yugoslavia for war crimes, was a minister in the pro-fascist Ustasha government that ruled Croatia from 1941-45.

During his month-long trial in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, witnesses described unspeakable barbarities perpetrated by the Croatian fascist government. Artukovic was convicted for complicity in the murder of some 900,000 Serbs, Jews and gypsies.

Organizations and People

Carter adds comedy to dinner

Livergant warns of health care plans for seniors

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Harold Livergant set 'em up and Jack Carter knocked 'em down.

Livergant, the 1986 Kupat Holim Man of the Year, celebrated his \$75-a-plate dinner at the Inn on the Park recently with a sober warning on the lack of adequate health care planning for senior citizens.

Comedian Jack Carter, a mainstay of the Las Vegas-Atlantic City-Catskills circuit and the evening's guest artist, turned things around with his bawdy brand of Jewish humor.

Some 300 guests attended the lavish dinner for Livergant, founder and owner of the Extencare chain of nursing homes and national president of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Kupat Holim is the umbrella medical plan of Histadrut, Israel's largest trade union and to which most of the country's labor force belongs.

Organizers unveiled plans for a special neonatal wing of the Soroka Medical Centre in Beer-sheba, Israel, to be named for Livergant and his wife Lynda.

The Harold and Lynda Livergant Neo-Natal Wing will house a 30-bed intensive neo-natal care unit and the latest in medical technology at a cost of \$1.9 million.

The wing will treat the roughly 300 babies born premature, ill or underweight every year at Soroka, the Negev's largest medical centre. It is scheduled for completion in two years.

Soroka is also a teaching affiliate of Ben-Gurion University.

A special guest at the

dinner was Dr. Michael Karpus, who will head the wing. Karpus appealed for help for the centre because Israel has slashed its funding of Kupat Holim from 30% to 6%, he said. In the meantime, construction of the wing has been halted because of lack of funds.

"Babies that were doomed to die will now have a chance," he said.

Livergant was feted and praised by Israeli vice-consul Moshe Ben-zioni, Ontario MPP Herb Epp and by Livergant's cousin, Saskatchewan Senator Sidney Buckwold.

In his speech, the honoree warned of a coming crunch in health care services for seniors — his main passion. The number of those 65 and over will more than double between now and the year 2026 and society is unprepared for it, Livergant said.

"Unless we take steps, the implied crisis today will be a real crisis tomorrow."

He also tore into the Ontario government's current battle with doctors over extra billing. "The real losers are the people," he said, "because everyone is worrying over how to cut up the pie."

Livergant is also a director of Crown Life Insurance, vice-chairman of Crownx, which owns



(L-r): Dr. Michael Karpus, director of the Harold and Lynda Livergant Neonatal Wing; dinner chairman Sidney Liswood; dinner honoree Harold Livergant and guest entertainer Jack Carter. [Graphic Artists photo]

Israeli soldiers lead audience in celebrations

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

A group of singing Israeli soldiers, representing Israel's army entertainment unit helped Torontonians celebrate Israel's 38th anniversary recently with a show of traditional and new Hebrew songs that had the audience clapping, singing and dancing.

"What a better way to celebrate than to have representatives here with us from Israel," Moshe Ben-zioni, vice-consul of Israel told the overflow crowd of more than 550 people at Beth Shalom Synagogue.

The show was sponsored by the Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel, an organization dedicated to providing services for Israeli soldiers on the field, on leave and in transit.

The association does such things as furnish clubs in military camps, provide mobile clubs for field units, supply television sets, radios, books and sports equipment and send gift parcels to soldiers on holidays.

For the benefit of soldiers traveling from place to place, the association has constructed shelters, hitchhiking stations and arranges for volunteers to man the roadside canteens offering

sandwiches and hot drinks at token prices.

Irving Matlow, chairman of the Toronto branch of AWSI, said that "such a crowd shows the respect this organization has in Toronto." He added that Jews here "really show their appreciation for the young men who bear such tremendous responsibility on their shoulders."

Matlow noted that the entertainment unit is the "finest example of Israeli youth and we should be proud there are youth of that calibre in Israel."

He said that the troupe performed earlier in the week at Baycrest Centre where "they sang with all their hearts and they really lifted the spirits of the residents."

Rabbi David Monson told the crowd that regard for Israel should be met by actions. "We must make it a point to help Israel meet her challenges. We must buy Israeli Bonds, give to the AWSI and above all travel to Israel," he said.

One of the four young singers thanked the crowd for the warm reception and said that life as a soldier is often far from comfortable. "We take comfort in the fact, however, that an organization such as AWSI is there for us."

Extencare, and a vice-chairman of BGU's Freedom From Hunger Research Foundation, set up to find ways of ending hunger in drought-stricken areas.

But the evening belonged to Carter, whose racy jokes raised some eyebrows at first.

"To shlep here all the way from Los Angeles... first of all, I never heard of Kupat Holim, I don't know where the hell Beersheba is and

this is the hotel where my wife caught me with a hooker.

"When (organizer) Hy Fogelman called me, he said Jack, you've got to

come to Toronto, we're having a wonderful dinner. I said who is it for? He said Livergant. I said, my God, I had that about a year ago."

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Organizations and People

*Schild: Forgetting Holocaust gives Nazis victory*By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

For the second year in a row, an overflow crowd filled the JCC social hall for the annual Yom Hashoa observance, reversing the trend to steadily dwindling attendance that had begun to worry organizers in recent years.

Instead of the 100 or so people expected, close to 250 showed up to hear Rabbi Erwin Schild of Toronto's Adath Israel Synagogue speak of his experiences as a youth in his native Cologne and life under the growing threat of Nazism in the late 1920s and 30s, and to watch silently as the six memorial candles were lit by 3rd generation youngsters, the grandchildren of survivors.

The days after Pesach are always an emotional obstacle course for him, observed Schild as he noted how, between Passover and Yom Ha'atzmaut, "we have to descend from the heights of joy to the depths of despair and suffering as we observe Yom Hashoa."

But "our way of observing Pesach supplies for us the methodology for the observance of Yom Hashoa," he believes and just as we tell the story of the Exodus year after year, so "we must tell the story of the Holocaust year after year and remember it forever."

Above all, "we must fix in our memory the thousands of Jewish communities which did not survive at all because if we forget, we give the Nazis the victory they should not have."

"If we do not remember, we kill the six million all over again!"

Jews must commit themselves "to the spiritual goals of Jewish life" and to the strengthening of Israel, "which is our strongest guarantee for survival."

And they must also, Schild continued, reach out not only to other Jews "but to our fellow Canadians, patiently building bridges and establishing a network of understanding and mutual respect with other peoples and religions."

"We are not completely alone," he said. "We have allies but we must establish a protective network against totalitarian movements such as the one in Nazi Germany. The danger is not past and we must be prepared."

Caught in the dormitory of the seminary in Wuerzburg during the infamous Kristallnacht, Schild recalled how the armed mob that had stormed the building had left him and his fellow students "sitting in the debris, hardly believing we were all alive."

Released after six weeks in Dachau and finally reaching England via Holland, he said he suffered "only a fraction of what others experienced."

Holocaust committee secretary Nadia Rosa wondered how many out of those who viewed the Precious Legacy exhibition at the Royal Ontario

Museum last year registered the statistic which noted that "out of the 15,000 children which passed through Theresienstadt, 100 survived... One out of 150 children!"

"I am one of those 100!" And as such, she continued, "I have an obligation to do everything in my power to make sure that the Holocaust is not forgotten."

Among those taking part in the program were Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue and Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom, who respectively introduced and thanked the guest speaker:

Rabbi Morton Green of Adas congregation, who recited the Tehillim and Cantor David Bercovici the El Maaleh Rachamim, and Marvin Rosenschein, who sang Where Shall I Go? Students of Beth Jacob

school presented their thoughts on the Holocaust and the candles were lit by Dustin Katz, Eric Weisz, Jason Katz, Barbara Albert, Mark Lieberman and Eric Papernick, Holocaust committee

chairman Gary Frydman welcomed the assembly and also present at the headtable was Sid Brail, JCC and Federation executive director.



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Organizations and People

Pledges wide input in community policy-making

TJC's Appleby: "All voices must be recognized"

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Toronto Jewish Congress will build bridges to all elements in the Jewish community in the coming year and draw on a wide variety of groups for input into community policy making, says TJC president Ron Appleby.

There is strength in the diversity of approaches to life in the Jewish community, said Appleby, and "all voices must be recognized" when planning community programs and priorities.

Appleby, speaking recently at the 11th annual meeting of TJC, often repeated the theme of "building a total sense of community in all aspects of Jewish life" and "pulling the community together."

He outlined a number of proposed directions geared to addressing the problems of Jewish identity:

- ensure the financial underpinnings of the

education system, which, he said, would require capital expenditures of \$20 million;

- enhance social planning services for the elderly, singles and the handicapped. He suggested seeking arrangements, perhaps with synagogues, for facilities for day care centres;

- pay more attention to adult education and Jewish culture;

- send young Torontonians to Israel to be "a sort of peace corps" to strengthen their ties to the country;

- recognize the diverse voices in the religious community and seeking "a common thread for the benefit of the whole community;"

- send a community mission to Israel. About 250 community leaders, from synagogues and organizations, will travel to Israel to be a "community of Toronto in Israel;"

- provide a "focus

week" modeled on similar programs in the U.S., which would see a week devoted to drawing attention to the beauty of Jewish life in the community;

- call an assembly of presidents of Jewish organizations to help determine the Congress agenda.

Summing up his presentation, Appleby told the approximately 300 organization representatives present at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue "we want the community to know TJC will say yes to creative Jewish programming to enhance Jewish life."

Following Appleby's address, guest speaker Rabbi Irving Greenberg tackled a subject raised by the TJC president: Jewish unity.

In the aftermath of the Holocaust and the birth of the State of Israel, Jewish unity was overwhelming and irresistible, he said.

"The great message was we are one people," he said, but 40 years later we can see that unity coming apart.

The reason for that, he said, was because controversy centred on questions of personal status. With high intermarriage rates in the U.S. (30-40% with Jewish males comprising two-thirds of the partners) the number of children born who are not considered Jews by some segments of the Jewish population is rising.

Greenberg, president of CLAL, the national Centre for Learning and Leadership, noted that if a parent in a mixed marriage raises a child as a committed Jew and others later claim he or she is not Jewish — "that's explosive."

Citing the openness of Canadian and American societies, Greenberg said that openness makes for more opportunities to mix with and meet non-Jews.

The Jewish community was not prepared for the results of that kind of open society and its conse-

quences, and the actions taken bespeak a "panic reaction," Greenberg, past chairman of the department of Jewish studies of City College of City University in New York, said.

He decried efforts to build a "high fence" to keep in and save only those people a group considers "real Jews," saying Jews must be saved together.

Greenberg called for self criticism within the various streams of Judaism and for dialogue between groups. If we can have interfaith dialogue with Christian groups, after 1,800 years of conflict, murder and slander then we can have effective dialogue within the Jewish community, he argued.

He called for an atmosphere of cooperation, not confrontation, and said "we must make a commitment to each other to work together."

Expanding on that theme, he urged the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative to meet to study together in an ongoing forum on matters of halacha and to invite lay participation as well.

"If we make the commitment to spiritual development, we have the chance for a golden age, one people with many varieties," he concluded.

In other business at the meeting, slates of officers, executive members and representatives to TJC Council were elected, all by acclamation.

Ron Appleby was re-elected president of TJC; vice-presidents are Sid Cooper, Mel Finkelstein, Henry Koschitzky, Richard Krelstein, Penny Offman, David Satok and Les Scheininger.

Herb Rosenfeld was elected treasurer; Aaron Brozman, assistant treasurer; Phil Alter, secretary; Marty Goldberg, assistant secretary; J.B. Salsberg, honorary officer; and Martin Sable, honorary legal counsel.



Leadership Development Award winners were honored at the annual meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress. Above, Rose Wolfe accepts plaque for her daughter Elizabeth, from Ron Appleby. Below, Judy Scheininger receives her plaque.



Scheininger, Wolfe,

Steiner honored by TJC

TORONTO —

Judy Scheininger, a co-recipient of the Toronto Jewish Congress 1985 Leadership Development Award, was presented with a formal citation by TJC president Ron Appleby, during the organization's recent annual meeting.

Mrs. Scheininger, 1st vice-chairman of United Jewish Appeal Women's Division 1987 campaign, is current president of Associated Hebrew Schools Parents Association. She has maintained an ongoing involvement in a variety of UJA and TJC programs and most recently was chairman of logistics planning for the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly. She also served as an associate chairman for the 53rd

Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly.

Elizabeth Wolfe, founding chairman of UJA's Business and Professional Women's Network, was also named a 1985 Leadership Development Award recipient.

Rose Wolfe, TJC past president, accepted the award on behalf of her daughter who is spending a year in Israel. Mrs. Wolfe read a letter of appreciation from Elizabeth, in which she reaffirmed her commitment to broaden her involvement in Jewish communal life.

Harry Steiner, 1985 recipient of the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit (as reported in the CJN earlier) was presented with a special medallion by Dr. Arnold A. Epstein.



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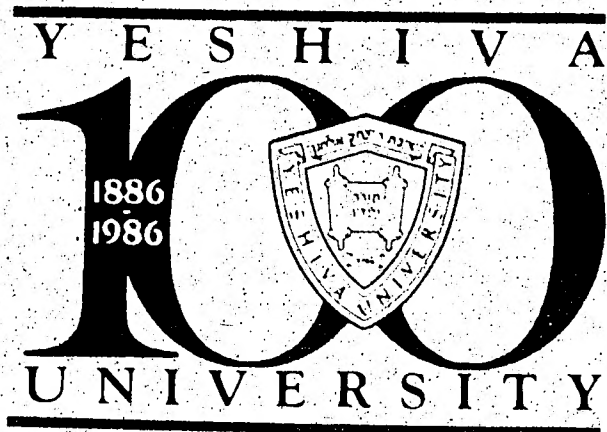
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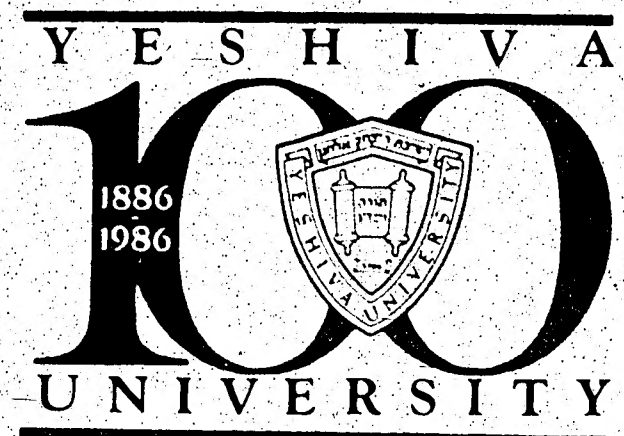
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NACHMAN SOKOL has served the Toronto Jewish community and national and international efforts promoting the advancement of Jewish life for more than half a century. He is blessed with a deep-rooted love of Torah, an abiding loyalty to our Jewish faith and heritage, a sharply honed sense of communal responsibility and a devotion to the people and the land of Israel. He is a leader of the Mizrahi movement and of our Bnei Akiva Yeshivot, Or Chaim and Ulpanot Orot, on whose behalf his service has won the acclaim of Jewish educators in Israel and North America.



LEWIS JOSHUA ELLIOTT MOSES has long been involved in a broad spectrum of leadership efforts supportive of Jewish life in Canada, in Israel and throughout the world. He is president of the Central Region of the Canadian Zionist Federation, past president of Torah Emeth Jewish Centre, vice president of the Jewish National Fund and of Eitz Chaim Schools, treasurer of the Herut Party of Canada, associate chairman of Top Gifts for the United Jewish Appeal, a member of the Executive of the Toronto Jewish Congress and a director of the Board of Jewish Education.

Our Guest Speaker: Dr. Norman Lamm



Dr. Norman Lamm has served as president of Yeshiva University since 1976. He is a rabbi, philosopher, teacher, author and scientist whose wide scope of interests and scholarship range from religious philosophy to human rights to the application of Talmudic law to modern problems.

As a community leader, Dr. Lamm is active in many educational, religious and humanitarian endeavours. His numerous affiliations include service as a director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, a trustee-at-large of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and a member of the Halakha Commission of the Rabbinical Council of America and the Board of Governors of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists.

Dr. Lamm has gained wide recognition for his writings on interpretations of Jewish philosophy and law. He is the author of such acclaimed works as *Torah Lishmah*, *Faith and Doubt*, *The Good Society: Jewish Ethics in Action*, *A Hedge of Roses: Jewish Insights into Marriage and Married Life* and *The Royal Reach: Discourses on the Jewish Tradition and the World of Today*. In addition, he was the founder and first editor of *Tradition* and has published a number of articles in the *Encyclopedia Judaica*.

Dr. Lamm received a B.A. summa cum laude from Yeshiva College in 1949, graduating as class valedictorian. He was ordained at the University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1951 and earned a Ph.D. in Jewish philosophy at the University's Bernard Revel Graduate School in 1966.

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Organizations and People

Chretien to speak at dinner

ORT will honor Croll with scholarship fund

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Both ORT and Senator David Croll are institutions dedicated to improving the lives of others. The difference though is in their respective sizes.

While the former is a worldwide body which provides vocational and technical training, the latter has dedicated his long political career to improving Canada's social service network.

On June 16, the worldwide organization and the dedicated politician will meet when Ontario Men's ORT honors Croll by establishing a scholarship fund in his name for Israeli war veterans attending ORT School of Engineering in Jerusalem.

It will be held at Beth Tzedec Congregation at 6.30 p.m. Guest speaker will be former Liberal MP and cabinet minister Jean Chretien.

Croll said he was very pleased to receive the honor, pointing out that his association with ORT goes back over 50 years.

"I was a supporter when they were struggling for pennies," Croll told The Canadian Jewish News. "They've since grown up and their work is extensive across the world."

As extensive as ORT's work has been across the globe, Croll's record is no less impressive.

Croll, whose family immigrated to Windsor, Ont., from the Soviet Union in 1905, graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1925 and began to practice law in Windsor. However, it wasn't enough for



Senator David Croll

the eldest of Hillel and Linnie Croll's six children.

"I saw the effects that politics had on the community and I wanted the opportunity to do something for a lot of people who needed help," he said.

Beginning his political career in 1930 at the municipal level in Windsor, Croll was sent to Queen's Park in 1934 as the Liberal MPP for Windsor-Walkerville, where he quickly became Canada's first Jewish cabinet minister. Within a year, he held three senior portfolios including welfare, labor and municipal affairs.

Following a distinguished war record in the Essex Scottish Regiment during World War II, Croll successfully contested the federal riding of Toronto-Spadina in 1945 and held the seat for the next decade.

While in the House of Commons, Croll helped introduce the principle of universality — which he said should be maintained as it is the healthiest part of Canada's culture.

In 1955 Croll accepted an appointment to the Senate, becoming Canada's first Jewish member of the Upper House.

Throughout his long political career, Croll strived to improve the life of the working man by fighting for the social security benefits which now exist.

As an Ontario cabinet minister Croll introduced many major acts, including the Minimum Wage Act, the Industrial Standards Act and the Labor and Industry Act.

Upon entering the Senate, Croll fought for a much expanded role for senators on parliamentary committees and, in 1966, he chaired the Senate com-

mittee on aging, which made major recommendations on pensions, almost all of which were later adopted in legislation. Croll also chaired Senate committees on poverty and retirement age policies.

"When I started out 50 years ago, there was no social security, no retirement benefits, people worked 12 hours a day, seven days a week," Croll said. "They did the best they could and looked after themselves because there was no government involvement."

"It's a new world today," he added. "We have (all these benefits) and I've been associated with every social measure that's on the books in this country."

Despite his numerous accomplishments, this 86-year-old political animal

is not about to rest on his laurels. While maintaining an office at First City Trust where he is a member and honorary chairman of the board, Croll still spends a good part of the week in Ottawa.

Croll said he is now pushing for a guaranteed annual income which would provide all Canadians with a living wage above the poverty line — a recommendation he first made to government 17 years ago.

"It's been a little slow in coming, but it's inevitable that it will appear," Croll said. "Everyone wants a change from the welfare system."

Looking back on his university days in 1919, Croll recalled the time when he was delegate to the Liberal convention in

Toronto when Prime Minister Mackenzie King endorsed the principle of medicare and made it part of the Liberal platform.

"I was thrilled by it and supported it and kept supporting it and 50 years later I sat in Parliament where I voted on it."

As well as praising King for initiating the social

security system, he said the Liberals have done a lot over the years to help senior citizens. However, he said, the elderly still require more benefits, as well as a minister to speak for them in government.

"We have one for labor, one for veterans, so why not for seniors," Croll said. "We're 10% of the population."

NCJW to honor 250 volunteers

TORONTO —

MP William Attewell, Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and corporate affairs, and Norm Gardiner, North York controller, will be bringing greetings from their respective governments at the Annual Meeting and Recognition of Volunteers of the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, on Thursday, May 29.

At the event, which will be held at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., NCJW Toronto section will be honoring 250 of its volunteers who have performed 75 hours to over 2,000 hours to community service. This includes involvement in pre-school vision testing, meals on

wheels, kids on the block, Passover food baskets, AIMS (adaptable Integrated Merchandise and Service) and numerous other Council projects.

Commendations from the Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander will be presented to six of the volunteers who have done over 2,000 hours in community service. The recipients will be Nita Goldband, Lily Goldstein, Helen Goodman, Helen Katz, Edith Sobel and Patricia Starr.

Nita Goldband, Toronto section president, will be reporting on the highlights of the Council year.

Also at the meeting, NCJW's Pot of Gold project will culminate in the draw for a \$10,000 prize.

Kumove appointed director of JIAS

TORONTO —

Shirley Kumove has been appointed the executive director of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, Toronto Region, Don Grant, president of the organization has announced.

Kumove has been executive director, United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, special projects coordinator, Technion Science Fair, and a teacher of Judaic Studies.

She has sat on the executive and boards of major Jewish institutions in-

cluding the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada and committees of Canadian Jewish Congress, JIAS said in a statement.

Kumove is author of Words Like Arrows — A Collection of Yiddish Folk Sayings. She is married to Leon Kumove, social planning consultant and publisher. They have three sons.

"We are confident that Shirley will bring a stimulating and dynamic presence to this organization," says Grant.

BGU's potential cited by panel

TORONTO —

Political problems are preventing Ben-Gurion University researchers from playing a role in overcoming famine in Ethiopia, a panel discussion on world hunger and its solutions was told recently.

The panel discussion, held at the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly, was sponsored by the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University.

Describing his travels in Ethiopia, Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose spoke of drought-stricken regions. There is water, he said, but "there is no technique to get it out because of the political reasons — because of an attitude that disallows Ben-Gurion University from working in the area."

Looking to the future, Rose said the famine problems cannot be solved by giving people emergency relief. "The long-term projects, the projects that take a preventive approach are the only ones that really count," he said. "We have the technology."

A. R. McKinnon, director of the Centre for International Studies at the

University of Guelph agreed with Rose, saying "The emergency in Africa should not obscure the long-term context."

McKinnon discussed the political and economic problem involved in world hunger and went on to warn: "The World Bank estimates that in the year 2000, we will have in the neighborhood of 590 million people who will be hungry and at the point where they will be undernourished and not productive."

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Toronto's Temple Sinai said that solutions to world hunger are available as demonstrated by Israel in making the desert productive.

He said that much of this type of work is being done at Ben-Gurion University "whose mission it is to help make the Negev life-supporting and whose desert research institute has become world famous."

Pearlson called upon the Jewish community "in accordance with the command of our heritage," to dedicate itself to find solutions to the problems of famine by supporting Ben-Gurion University's Freedom From Hunger Foundation.

Bible's matriarchs give example, says rebbitzin

By
LEILA SPEISMAN
TORONTO —

The problem of remaining an Orthodox woman while recognizing influence of the modern world, particularly feminism, has become an obsession, says Rebbitzin Arna Poupko.

The wife of Oshawa's Rabbi Reuben Poupko said: "You can't walk down the street without hearing about it."

Speaking to the annual Family in Israel banquet of Emunah Women of Toronto, held recently at B'nai Torah Congregation, Poupko went back to Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel in the Bible to find her model for the ideal modern Jewish woman.

Sarah's natural sense of chesed (kindness), and her intense religious strength, made her a true partner with Abraham in founding the Jewish people. "Because of her character, she was the perfect wife — and G-d told Abraham to listen to her words."

The rebbitzin described Rebecca as "the first successful Jewish

mother." Her priority "was not to run around delivering chicken soup," but was to maintain the Torah tradition through her son Jacob. To the good Jewish mother, character is more important than material possessions, Poupko said.

Rachel, when despairing over her inability to have children, was told, in Poupko's paraphrasing of Jacob's words, that there is more to life than being a mother, and that, "through our own strengths, loves and inclinations, we can all make our own contribution to Jewish life."

"Those who say that there is only one route for women to take for fulfillment underestimates all of us," she warned.

"We must, however, realize that, just as the Jewish community has not reached perfection, so we cannot expect the position of women to be perfect either."

Chairperson Ann Roseman and co-president Bea Rosenfeld told the enthusiastic gathering of over 100

men and women about Emunah's nurseries, day care and residential centres, and vocational facilities in Israel. Special mention was made of a new religious high school for girls in the Galil, and of a new project at Pardes Channah called Neve Michael.

In fact, co-president Rochelle Balaban announced, one wall in the synagogue of Neve Michael is being dedicated to longtime Toronto Emunah member and staffperson Esther Weisbrod.

Family in Israel is one of the major annual projects carried out by Emunah Women (formerly Mizrahi Women), whereby people can become a "mother/father," or "sister/brother" in Israel, symbolically sponsoring a child there. There is even a special category to honor infants — "baby chair."

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Organizations and People

"The most successful in recent memory"

UJA Walk for Israel draws a large turnout

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO — Motorists who happened to find themselves on north Bathurst St. on the morning or afternoon of May 18 may well have believed United Jewish Appeal had taken over the entire area.

It's understandable, what with the massive panorama of children and adults wearing UJA Walk for Israel hats, winding their way along the 18-kilometre

route during the 17th annual community-wide event.

What started out as an "iffy" day weatherwise, gradually turned into what organizers consider to be "the most successful UJA Walk for Israel in recent memory."

The estimate is that about 13,000 children and adults participated in the walk which highlighted Yom Ha'atzmaut at the nine checkpoints. Each was designated for one of Israel's eight Prime Min-

isters and Theodor Herzl, the acknowledged father of Zionism.

The count at the starting point — Bathurst-Sheppard Plaza — was over 11,000. Due to the uncertainty of the weather — all early reports predicted showers and thunderstorms — a great many walkers held off, starting out much later than expected. This necessitated keeping the latter checkpoints open for much longer than planned. Many partici-

pants who arrived at the first checkpoint after it had closed, handed in their envelopes containing sponsor money further along the route.

From all accounts, say Walk for Israel chairmen Bobby Katz and Larry Shapiro, the day came off without a hitch.

"Overcast skies worked in our favor," they commented. "Had we had sunshine along with the humidity, it could have presented problems. As it was, we had no incidents of sunburn and minimal complaints about sore feet. We also had far more traffic monitors all along the route this year, to ensure safety as well as exercise better pedestrian control."

Katz and Shapiro, as well as a legion of volunteers and UJA staffers, were on the go from dawn to dusk, overseeing all areas of the walk and the windup festival at the Jewish Community Centre. Highly visible again this year were B'nai B'rith lodge members who manned the checkpoints.

The day did not end with the walk. When walkers completed the route at the northern branch of the JCC, it was time to enjoy the attractions of the Festival of Festivals.

Sponsored by Mazola, and organized by UJA in support of the children of Israel, the festival had

something to appeal to kids of all ages.

Set up in the JCC's parking lot, the festival, which also marked Israel's Independence Day, offered everything to the weary walker from food and drink to mini-theatre and rides for children.

"There was a void in the community for a major gathering — there isn't really anything that involves the community on just a social level," said festival co-chairman Gloria Clamen.

Her co-chairman, Cheryl Halberstadt, said close to 12,000 participants showed up. "All our prayers were answered. The wet stuff didn't come out of the sky," she added.

And because it threaten-

ed to rain but didn't, kids at the festival ran from Blinky the Metro Toronto Police Safety car to the Ken Jen Petting Zoo to the Moon Walks where they could bounce on a cushion of air or rubber balls."

For adults, community organizations set up booths to show all they had to offer, (such as Maccabi Canada which will hold youth games here Aug. 15-21); vendors sold everything from T-shirts to souvenirs, and there were lots and lots of good things to eat — including free latkes from Mazola.

Next year, says Clamen, organizers hope to make the Festival of Festivals "even bigger and better with more attractions for everyone."



Dena Greenberg and Jacky Vidal are fascinated by their tall friend who greeted youngsters at Walk for Israel checkpoint 5.

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"It is in our own self interest"

Leddy believes struggle for freedom helps all

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Sister Mary Jo Leddy's message is clear: The purpose of freedom is to spread it to those who don't have it.

"The struggle for freedom is not altruistic. It is also in our own self interest," Leddy recently told a Women for Soviet Jewry gathering held at Council House by the National Council of Jewish Women and the Soviet Jewry Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

"Our rights in the cause of Soviet Jewry are just as at stake as their rights," said Leddy, the keynote speakers at the evening that also featured poetry readings, Refusenik profiles and the lighting of a symbolic candelabra.

"By working for freedom for others, we are working for our own freedom," Leddy told the 150 people present.

A Sister of Zion and former recipient of the Ida Nudel Humanitarian Award, Leddy recounted a trip she and a group took to the Soviet Union in 1984, shortly after the Soviets shot down Korean Airlines flight 007, killing all 269 aboard.

"There was enormous tension," Leddy recalled. "We were called Western agents of imperialism.

Members of our counter-group that went to Washington were called purveyors of Communist propaganda."

While in the Soviet Union, Leddy's tour met up with an unofficial Moscow peace group, The Group to Establish Trust Between East and West, one of whose Jewish members, Dr. Vladimir Brodsky, was convicted last year on charges of malicious hooliganism and sentenced to three years in a Siberian labor camp.

Leddy said the "vast majority" of members of the underground peace group are Jews, including its leaders, Olga and Yuri Medvedkoff.

She met Olga Medvedkoff, who asked Leddy what Israel was like.

"I told her that in spring, the road to Jerusalem is lined with orange blossoms. She closed her eyes, took a deep breath and said, 'That's all I need. That's enough.'"

Medvedkoff gave Leddy letters to be delivered to supporters overseas.

Soon after, Leddy said she was sure she was being followed, "by men in trenchcoats," and then, she was placed under hotel arrest.

But she took the letters to the Canadian ambassador to the Soviet Union. "I was determined the letters would leave," and they did

via the ambassador's diplomatic pouch.

But Olga Medvedkoff did not fare as well. Leddy discovered soon after she had been arrested and jailed.

Despite the group

members' hardships, Leddy said she found in them "a tremendous sense of humor. They were able to poke fun at the KGB."

Leddy said the best motivator for Western

Jews to become involved in the plight of Soviet Jewry is contact with their Russian counterparts.

"My sense is that we are moved to solidarity (with Soviet Jews) when the struggle for freedom finds a human face and a human name."

Even Western Jews' indirect contact with Refuseniks — such as "adopting" a Jewish family or sending postcards, helps. "It's almost mystical the way the two can become connected with hardly any information between them," Leddy said.

Getting involved "out of liberal guilt" is not a good idea because "we end up belittling ourselves. We must sustain ourselves with hope just as we are called upon to sustain our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union."



Sister Mary Jo Leddy

Panel favors joint custody

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Some form of joint custody appears to be the best response to the needs and desires of children caught between divorcing parents, according to participants in a panel discussion held recently at Shaarei Shomayim.

Unfortunately, the courts and many parents are not always amenable.

Lawyer Maureen Cooper said that, no matter how loving and involved the father may be, in 85% of cases women are awarded custody. This usually means that the father has no say in decisions relating to the child's welfare.

New family law legislation, taking effect in June, imposes a duty on lawyers

to use mediation facilities to arrive at a settlement satisfactory to both sides, explained Cooper.

The lessening of the adversarial atmosphere of divorce court should mitigate the bitter feelings that so often occur, and result in better compliance with court orders, and a calmer relationship between all parties.

Nadine Mayers, a supervisor with the Halton Children's Aid Society, spoke of the great adjustments people must make after a divorce, both in learning to be a single person again, and in learning how to be a single parent.

Children are frequently used as pawns in resolving lingering difficulties between their parents, she said, adding that they frequently learn to use the situation to their own advantage, by playing one off against the other.

Two single parents related their long, frustrating and at times tragic efforts to resolve their own custody problems, both speaking resentfully of an often insensitive court system that aggravated rather than helped their situations.

The question and answer period following brought forth a widespread view that joint custody, in which both parents have a part in decisions about the child, even if one has physical custody, is most desirable.

One of the single parents reminded the audience that the result may be a decision, theoretically in the best interests of the child, which has to be carried out by two adults who can't get along with each other at all.

Education, family ties stressed at symposium

OTTAWA —

The importance of education and strong family ties was stressed by members of a multi-generational panel at a recent symposium on Jewish survival at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue sponsored by B'nai B'rith and Ottawa synagogues.

Moderator Herman Roodman, noting that the symposium was held on Mother's Day, said that among no other people or religion do women occupy so prominent a place or as respected as among the Jews.

The Jewish woman, "was renowned for her modesty and God-fearing behavior, her loyalty and devotion to her husband and children, her patience, courage, and inspiration in holding the family together." Roodman emphasized the need to recapture "that Jewish family pride of yesteryear."

Panelist Alan Sokoloff, chazan sheini of Agudath Israel Synagogue, illustrated how the Jewish home and family life could be strengthened, and gave examples from his childhood experiences.

David Fisher, teenage son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Fisher, spoke of the importance of enhancing and extending Jewish education so that the Jewish way of life would become

an integral part of their lives when they reach maturity.

Karen Trainoff, daughter of Barry and Gloria Trainoff, identified the problems confronting Jewish young people. She pointed to the need for teenagers and young adults to be more closely affiliated with organized groups dedicated to traditional practices and customs.

Stanley Aaron, son of Irving and Ruth Aaron, examined the Jewish future, especially in the light of increasing numbers of mixed marriages. Aaron talk-

ed about the everyday life of Jewish students on university campuses, and called for "more positive action" on the part of community leadership.

The final panelist, Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Machzikei Hadas, summarized the proceedings, as he stressed the significance of intensifying the Jewish way of life in the home and family, and increasing Jewish education to more senior levels.

Bulka expressed the hope that the symposium would be the first in a series of meetings.

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Peres must undertake bold initiative

Arab expert looks at solutions for Mideast peace

TORONTO —

A Mideast peace settlement would require nothing less than a miracle, but in the Middle East, anything is possible, says an expert on the history and contemporary politics of the Arab world.

Hebrew University professor Moshe Ma'oz, spoke at a recent meeting of the Toronto New Leadership Division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, at the home of division co-chairman Stephen Diamond.

"In North America, people are accustomed to thinking that there is a solution to every problem. In the Middle East, there is a different kettle of fish — it may be that

there is no solution to the problem of the 1.5 million Arabs in the occupied territories," said Ma'oz, a former advisor on Arab affairs to the Israeli ministry of defence.

Ma'oz added that the "unholy trinity of Iran, Syria and Libya" are doing their utmost to derail what remains of the peace process.

Nevertheless, he said, "peace doesn't grow out of love but out of mutual interests. And this time, particularly the next few months, is a historical chance to attain it."

Ma'oz said Egypt wants to show the Arab world, particularly Syria, that the diplomacy in dealing with Israel is the right way.

"Jordan wants to solve the Palestinian problem on the West Bank — it doesn't want to become, as Ariel Sharon would prefer, the Palestinian homeland. But Hussein doesn't want to be the one who makes concessions with Israel," he said.

Turning to the occupied territories, he said that many of the Palestinians would like to co-exist with Israel. "Unfortunately, a moderate Palestinian is a dead Palestinian. Sartawi and Al-Masri are among a significant group of Palestinian leaders, who were assassinated by the PLO and more radical groups because of the intention to negotiate.

"This leaves Israel.

Roughly half the population would like to annex the West Bank for a very good reason — security.

"The other half of the population would like to withdraw from the territories because they say that otherwise we are going to be stuck with a baby — the Palestinian baby — that is going to turn Israel into something like Belfast."

The only way out of this impasse is for Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres to undertake a bold initiative, the professor said.

Peres should break the

impasse by declaring, in consultation with Jordan and the Palestinians, that Israel is ready to negotiate concessions with Jordan and any Palestinians willing to live in peace, and to call immediate elections on this platform," said Ma'oz.

"Assuming Peres could win an election on these grounds, which is by no means assured, he would still need to find Palestinians to negotiate with. If no one comes forward, the way to do it is to call for genuine elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip," he said.

He added that the Palestinians would have a strong motivating factor to go along with this — the alternatives facing them are even worse than those facing the Israelis — either annexation, or a war they would lose.

"I'm not saying that any of this is going to happen, or is even likely. Peres, who I know quite well, is a good (party) chairman, but I don't know if he is a good leader, or if he would be prepared to undertake this kind of gamble. As well, the Syrians can pre-

vent any kind of settlement from taking place," Ma'oz said.

"All I can say is that the alternative is quite gloomy, and that acting in this manner would be in everybody's best interests. I'm not predicting they will, but who could have predicted Sadat's journey to Jerusalem?" he concluded.

Ma'oz was introduced by Stephen Gibson, a member of the Friends' New Leadership Division executive, and thanked by division co-chairman Dr. Harvey Zimmerman.

Goldstein praises Adath Israel ties

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Berny Goldstein, of Adath Catering Company, is a man who loves his job. "My greatest pleasure is to get in my car and come to work."



Berny Goldstein

"Work" for Goldstein is Adath Israel Congregation in Downsview, where he has been the caterer for the past three years. He has spent over 25 years serving the public, getting hotel and restaurant experience, as well as seven years with Mickey Firestone, the caterer at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

He describes how honored he felt when Adath Israel chose him from among a great many applicants, saying that he has never regretted his association with the Congregation — "the people here are all terrific."

Although he has always dealt easily with people, he finds the catering business the most rewarding. "It is challenging and satisfying — I get as much nachas as my clients do from a successful party."

Goldstein plans each affair as if it were his own children involved. "Many clients become good friends," and he treasures the many letters of appreciation received from grateful and happy customers.

He is especially proud of the young staff with whom he has surrounded himself — the two chefs and manager Michael Rosen are all in their 20s. Not only does he find it invigorating to work with the young, he feels that they are more innovative and receptive to new ideas.

Today's clients are more willing, he has found, to try new foods and textures than

were those with a European background, who, generally, prefer the traditional brisket and roast chicken meals.

Goldstein's emphasis is on what he calls "kosher gourmet" food. "People are amazed that fettuccine, teriyaki and truly elegant desserts can actually be kosher!"

Goldstein and his staff are always willing to try recipes suggested by customers and will reproduce a hostess' own specialty, if she wants it, or a recipe she has seen in a magazine.

He is appreciative of the support given him by his wife Ruth, his best friend. Our whole married life she has stayed home alone every Saturday night and Sunday night, and gone to family affairs by herself. Still she is supportive of me!"

Needing some outlet not connected with his work, but having no time for sports or hobbies, Goldstein has recently returned to a long-time love — music.

Having studied the accordion with well-known restaurateur Sam Shopowitz years ago, he now takes lessons on an electronic organ.

"I love it! It takes my mind off everything, and makes me feel rejuvenated," Goldstein shows almost as much pride in his musical abilities as he does in his accomplishments at Adath Israel.

Adath Catering Company is under the kashruth supervision of Rabbi Erwin Schild. Mashgiach Oscar Langer is a "very pious and orthodox man who is extremely strict about kashruth, and rightly so," affirms Goldstein.

Goldstein feels a personal obligation to make an affair joyful, and free of aggravation and trouble.

He will only recommend other tradespeople (such as a florist or photographer, for instance) who also follow this philosophy.

"I get great satisfaction from making a family happy."

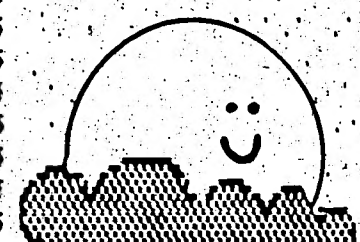


Hebrew University professor Moshe Ma'oz is seen with Stephen and Karen Diamond.

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Dedication held for Goldwasser

TORONTO —

The rain interfered with, but did not stop Pride of Israel Synagogue from holding a Torah Dedication recently in memory of Moishe Goldwasser.

Goldwasser, who died in November, gave many years of service to the Pride of Israel Sick Benefit Society, says Harold Segal, president of the society.

Rabbi Harold Lerner conducted the ceremony inside the synagogue, says Segal, and the Torah scrolls were dedicated by

his family: Cecilia Goldwasser, Steven and Phyllis Goldwasser, and Marsha and Michael Sacks.

About 150 people attended the 2-hour ceremony which Ben Smith, ritual chairman describes as being: "beautiful, really nice."

Goldwasser was a candymaker who came to Canada about 38 years ago from Poland, his daughter-in-law Phyllis says.

He is survived by his wife Cecilia, children Steven and Marsha and five grandchildren.

Brother, sister began search

Frenchwoman found, honored for saving Jews

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Malie Perez and her brother Jacques Schmelz were among the few Jewish children in Europe who survived the World War II, were reunited with their parents and resumed a normal life — in Montreal — after the war.

Malie and Jacques, however, did not forget that they and 13 other Jewish children owe their lives to a Frenchwoman, Germaine Le Guillaud, who hid them during the war. Le Guillaud was the

director of a children's home, called Chateau La Guette, located in a village outside Paris, which was a shelter for French children who had lost or been separated from their parents, in most cases because they were in forced labor in Germany.

Three years ago, realizing time was running out, they began their search for this woman to try to thank her in some way. They had had no contact with her since the end of war, did not know where she lived or even her married name.

Their search began with Jewish Immigrant Aid Ser-

vices in Montreal, who contacted Oeuvres de secours aux enfants (OSE) in Paris. This was an organization that had rescued many children during the war in France.

After three months, the search began to look futile. "Then one day by chance someone in the OSE office heard that a woman whose nickname was 'Hirondelle' (the swallow bird) was being sought and knew who we meant," said Perez. She and her brother went to Paris to see her, and Le Guillaud, now 76, has been their guest in Montreal.

But Perez, 52, and

Schmelz, 50, wanted formal recognition of Le Guillaud's courage — the Righteous Among the Nations medal, which they succeeded in arranging for her.

On May 26, Le Guillaud and her former charges were at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem, for the presentation of this highest expression of gratitude to non-Jews who risked their lives saving Jews during the Holocaust. Le Guillaud was also entitled to plant a tree in her name on the Avenue of the Righteous on the Mount of Remembrance.

Perez and Schmelz and their parents left their home in Belgium at the start of the war for France. They were placed in internment camps and later separated from their parents. Their father survived Auschwitz, while their mother hid with farmers in the French Alps.

Perez and Schmelz have only sketchy recollections of the series of homes and camps they lived in after being separated from their parents and before being taken to Chateau La Guette (the Look-Out) in 1943. "I can only remember that we were in a group smuggled out at night from a children's camp in Limoges, in the centre of France. I later found out that it was a Jewish man, Georges Loinger, who had arranged for the Jewish children to stay at La Guette."

Loinger, who is still alive and living in France, singlehandedly rescued perhaps thousands of Jewish children, by supplying them with false identification papers or escorting them across the Swiss border, said Perez.

The presence of 15 Jewish children among

the 150 at La Guette was kept strictly within Le Guillaud's confidence. The other adults working there, not even her sister, were aware of the fact. For Perez and Schmelz, only 9 and 7, respectively, in 1943, their stay at La Guette meant remembering to use their false, French names and having to learn French in a hurry (they had spoken only Yiddish with their family.)

A modest woman, who never had children of her

own, Le Guillaud said she was too busy with her work and the everyday problem of just finding enough food to feed the children to be afraid. There was one "close call": towards the end of the war, when the Germans were retreating, the Nazi troops actually camped at La Guette.

Perez said Le Guillaud, who went back to a teaching career after the war, was reluctant to accept any award for what she did. Schmelz, a butcher and taxi driver today, and

Perez, who does the book-keeping for her husband Moise's plumbing business, are the only ones among the Jewish children in her care to communicate with Le Guillaud since the war.

"I am very happy, very touched by this testimony from Yad Vashem," said Le Guillaud before leaving for Israel. "My concern is that people do not forget what happened during the war to the children and adults who suffered so much."

Surveys find support for Kahane declining

By
NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO — Recent surveys indicate that support for Rabbi Meir Kahane and his extremist Kach party is on the wane in Israel, said Haifa University sociologist Gabriel Weimann in a Yom Ha'atzmaut talk at Holy Blossom Temple.

"Israeli society is clearly not ready to accept Kahane as part of its political map," said Weimann. "A rigorous response on the part of democratic Israelis has effectively halted the phenomenon."

weakened in the last year," he said. "Both the Likud and Labor parties attract people from both groups and the popularity of Prime Minister Shimon Peres has risen among those from the lower income and Sephardi backgrounds."

Similarly, Weimann believes that some light is shining on the schism between secular and Orthodox. A settlement was reached in Haifa recently after a long dispute over whether the city's cinemas and cable car could operate on Friday nights, he said. The compromise reached allowed four of the 12 movie theatres and the cable car to remain open as long as they are operated by non-Jews and that tickets are sold prior to the sabbath.

"It may sound strange but for us it is a progressive move that could serve as a

model for the rest of the country," he said.

The professor pointed to positive elements for Israel internationally including the withdrawal from Lebanon, the decision to submit Israel and Egypt's dispute over Tabat to international arbitration, and the U.S. raid on Libya.

"We are no longer alone in the fight against terrorism," said Weimann, who is currently studying the role of the media in the rise of terrorism.

Weimann, who spent the 1984-85 academic year at Carleton University, has just published a book on the Zundel trial and its affects on public opinion in Canada. He was in Toronto to participate in a University of Toronto conference on media coverage of the Middle East.

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He said an educational campaign about the threat of racism was taken to the schools, Kahane is drowned out whenever he tries to speak in public, and when he stands up to address the Knesset it is empty.

The Israeli professor gave an optimistic appraisal of changes which took place during the last year on the political, economic and social fronts. He asserted that, contrary to predictions, the national unity government has proven to be one of the strongest in Israel's history, facilitating much needed economic improvement.

"One year ago we had 400% inflation. Prices rose every few hours and every Israeli became a walking bank in order to cope. Today the monthly rate of inflation is 1 1/2% and this means normalcy."

There has also been a moderation of some of the social conflicts plaguing the nation's pluralistic, highly divided populace, said Weimann.

"The Ashkenazi-Sephardi rift, which was violently revealed during the 1977 elections, has

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Among the buyers are a significant and growing number of Jewish people. Names such as Granite Place, Avoca Towers and 70 Rosehill are among today's preferred addresses.

The most recent addition to the neighborhood is Forty Rosehill, a spectacular example of contemporary architecture, where more than half the purchasers thus far have been Jewish.

Architect Irv Rayman, and professional engineer Stan Moneta, two of the principals of the development team, Quillan Inc., say early sales figures of the 1, 2- and 3-bedroom units indicate a significant movement by members of their community to the St. Clair area.

This developer's commitment to the area is reflected by the fact that a number of the principals of Quillan are the same as the owners of the nearby Delisle Court shopping centre.

Construction of Forty Rosehill is slated to begin immediately, with first occupancy expected approximately a year from now.

The 15-storey building, designed with only two or four suites per floor, will go up on the last choice piece of property available on Rosehill Avenue, the secluded tree-lined street responsible for much of the neighborhood's enviable reputation.

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Many look south over the



Forty Rosehill's 15 storeys offers 48 luxury suites.

city to Lake Ontario. Rayman, a past chairman of the Toronto Society of Architects and past-president of the Ontario Association of Architects, says he and principal James Wright of Young & Wright Architects chose pre-cast concrete over brick for the exterior

of the building despite the increased cost.

The entrance lobby, a portion of which can be closed off for private parties, is the creation of Jack Winston Designs and is inviting to say the least with its magnificent expanse of marble, granite and mirrors

plus a soaring 4-storey ceiling.

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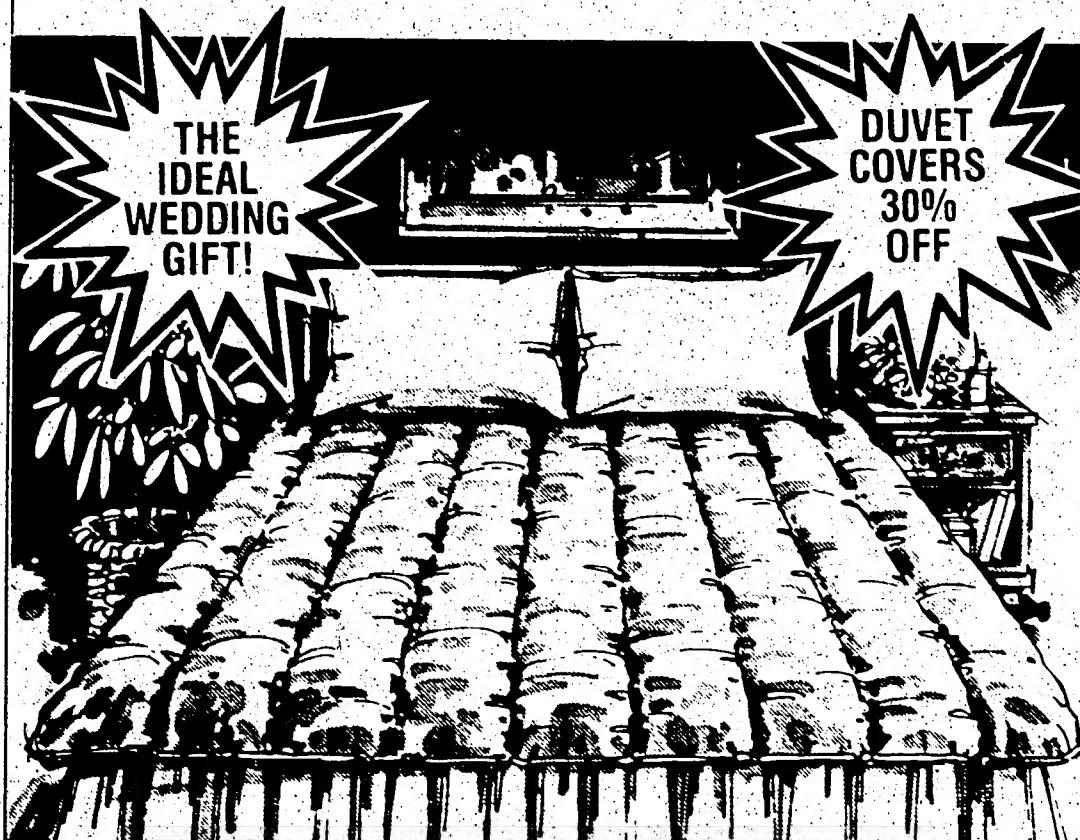
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Choosing right card isn't an easy task

By
JEFF ROSEN

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Lefton started Stationery Plus six years ago when she found herself with ample time on her hands. After being unable to purchase an address embosser, she went into action.

"I figured that if I had a hard time, others did too," she told The CJN explaining how she started to sell the product. "I woke up one morning and thought invitations were a wonderful item to go with embossers."

Starting out with one book, Lefton says her business kept growing and she kept adding book after book. She now has about 16 in the basement office of her Thornhill home.

Lefton's varied stock includes invitations for all types of simchas including weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, bridal showers, engagement and anniversary parties. As well, she carries response cards, thank you notes, seating cards, keepot, blessing after meal booklets, napkins, matches and novel accessory items to adorn the simcha table.

For those interested in decorated invitations, Lefton can arrange calligraphy in both Hebrew and English and special artwork.

"Custom designing is always exciting," she says.

As a continuation of the personal lines, Lefton also carries printed and promotional items for her corporate clients.

Lefton says that when a customer comes calling she just doesn't place a catalogue in front of them.



Gilda Lefton, owner of Stationery Plus, shows off her many books of invitations.

"On the contrary, I become very involved without being pushy," she says, explaining that she is often asked her opinion on all aspects of the simcha.

When dealing with clients, Lefton says she first finds out about their tastes and then directs them to the appropriate sample invitations. Often while glancing through the books, she says customers come upon invitations made for friends and relatives.

Lefton says her clientele usually learn about her business by word of mouth and often return for a second or third simcha.

"Knaina horah, there's nothing better than a happy customer," she exclaims.

As well as serving the Toronto area, Lefton says she has provided invitations for simchas in Hamilton, Kitchener, London and Winnipeg.

"One of my most interesting clients was a former Franciscan monk who had converted to Judaism and was marrying a Jewish girl," she says.

In addition to the invita-

tion and related accessory business, Lefton offers her clients the services of being a sub-agent for Canada Savings Bonds. She has also served as a volunteer in the annual canvassing for the Canadian Cancer Society for the past four years.

So as not to conflict with her job as a wife and mother, Lefton books her appointments in the mornings and evenings. She will book appointments six evenings a week (none on Friday evenings).

"In this way, the working members of the family are able to participate in the decision making process," she says.

Lefton is married to Brian Lefton, a chartered accountant, and has two children: Hartley, 7, who attends a French immersion school as well as B'Nai Shalom Hebrew School, and Lindsay, 3, who attends Temple Har Zion Nursery School.

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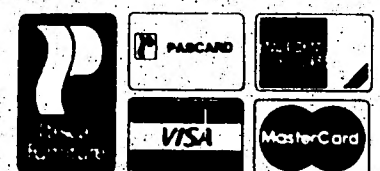
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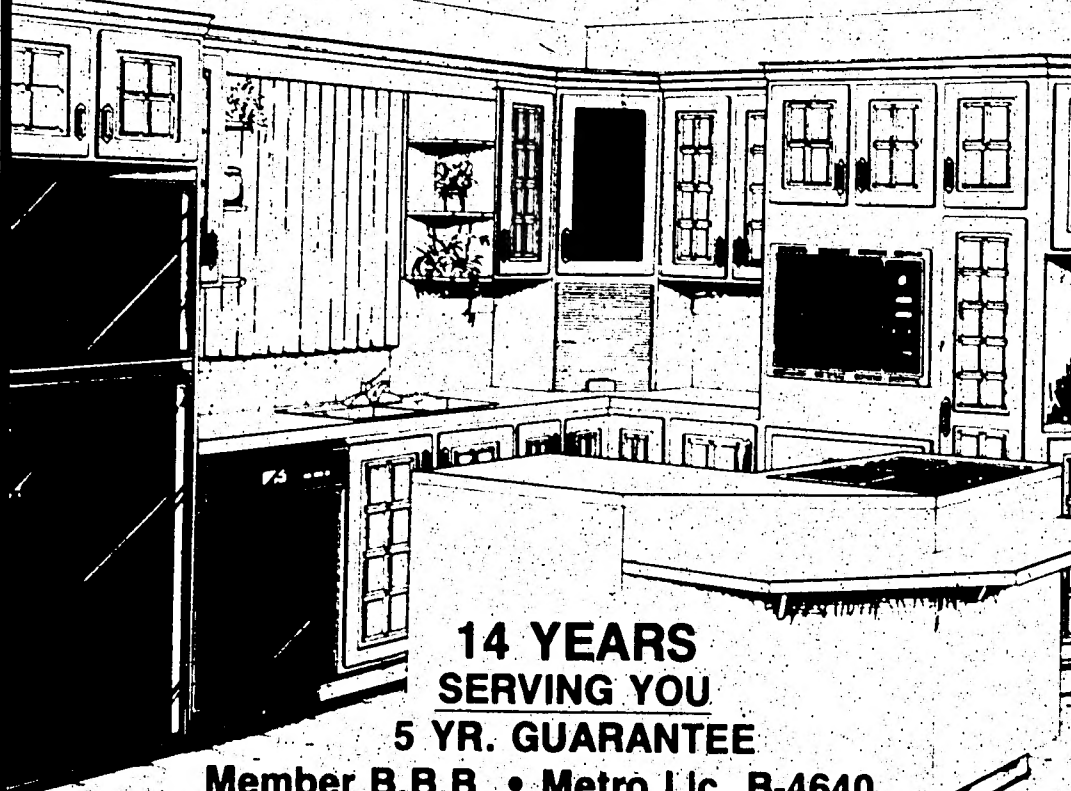
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Fashion

Not for the timid

Artist puts the wow into wearables

By
LORI SMITH

When art meets fashion the results can be anything but predictable and ordinary.

And the extraordinary and unpredictable multimedia art wearables by artist-designer Rene Levanthal illustrate the point perfectly.

Levanthal, whose background is in printmaking and art history, first made

art wearable sweatshirts for her two daughters. Soon she was making them as gifts for her daughter's friends.

But it wasn't until she had a sell-out show of them at an Eglinton Ave. retailer that she was convinced she was on to something.

The sweatshirts which are produced by Levanthal's company, Peas in a Pod, are now sold at Creed's, Madame Angelo's, Rainbow, Little Ches, Southside Kids and Sox. And in addition to

shirts she has created coordinating art wearable purses, belts, socks, shoes and T-shirts.

Levanthal's husband, Ian, who along with fine jeweler, Beni Sung, designs the Paris Paradox line of jewelry, explains that because he and Renee are both artistic they treat the surface of the shirts like canvases.

"And because we are not a fashion background but a fine arts background we take more chances, more risks. There are no rules for us. We'll try anything as

long as it washes and stays on."

The spring and summer collection by Peas in a Pod is called 'Urban Jungle.' It features a white palette with primary color accents.

Ian explains that much of the inspiration for it came from graffiti painting and the hot colors of the tropics.

Both Levanthals acknowledge that their garments are not for the timid. The shirts are unusual and always brightly colored.

"Being artists we're very in to color and none

of our collections feature muted tones. But we figure if you're wearing our clothes you're fairly bold, confident and like color as much as we do."

In addition to the sweatshirts and T-shirts, Renee has created a series of purses. They come in white, pink, blue or silver or gold lame colored vinyl and are treated with fabric paints.

She has also created sunglasses with rhinestone and paint-splashed frames. Plus shorts and unusual Japanese-inspired cotton interlock pants.

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Arts

Sister of Mercy behind project

Issues of moral significance result in documentary

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Sister Carol Rittner wonders a great deal about Christianity and its many apparent contradictions.

How, she asks, could the Holocaust have been carried out by Christians in Europe, which had been devoutly Christian for some 1,500 years? Before the Holocaust, how could the Inquisition and the Crusades have happened? How could millions of Christians have stood idly

by and watch millions of their Jewish neighbors be slaughtered?

These perplexing issues of great moral significance planted their roots in Rittner in late 1980 after a conference of Holocaust liberators in Washington. Sponsored by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, the gathering brought together dozens of non-Jewish heroes of the Holocaust — those who helped rescue Jews, hid them and helped them escape. Many held the title of Righteous Gentile,

bestowed by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem.

Troubled by the issue of seeming Christian indifference to the Holocaust, Rittner saw the genesis of a great project, which has today found fruition in *The Courage to Care*, a half-hour documentary on three Righteous Gentiles and two Jewish Holocaust survivors who managed to escape with their lives thanks to their non-Jewish neighbors.

Nominated this past spring for an Oscar in the Best Short Documentary category (it didn't win), the film was shown last Thursday at the Asbury and West United Church on Bathurst St. and will be shown on television Wednesday, June 4 at 3 p.m. on the Buffalo affiliate of PBS (channel 17 in Toronto).

A 43-year-old Sister of Mercy who teaches at Mercy College in Detroit, Rittner, the film's executive producer, told The CJN in a telephone interview that

the film "is clear on two things: One, it's a film on the Holocaust, not on occupied Europe and two, that one person can make a difference."

Narrated by author and lecturer Elie Wiesel, under whom Rittner is now serving as a consultant at the Holocaust Memorial Council, the film focuses on three non-Jews, all honored as Righteous Gentiles by Yad Vashem: Dutch rescuer Marion Pritchard, Irene Opdyke, a Polish Catholic and Magda Trocme, the French widow of Pastor Andre Trocme. Narration is kept to a minimum, as the stories the three offer speak for themselves.

Pritchard, who was a university student during the war, hid a Jewish father and his three children in her family's remote Dutch cottage. When a local policeman came snooping around, hunting for Jews to be taken away, Pritchard shot and killed him. Hers was an excruciating and profound moral choice, but, as she whispers chillingly in the film, "I'd do it again."

Opdyke hid 12 Jews in the cellar of a villa. Imagine the incredible, stomach-clenching tension she must have felt for weeks, for the Jews were hidden beneath the villa of a Nazi major for whom she worked as a housekeeper.

Magda Trocme, together with her husband and the entire village of La Chabanne is southern France, sheltered and protected over 2,000 Jews during the war.

"These people showed what was done and what



Sister Carol Rittner

more could have been done but wasn't," Rittner says. The film is at once a condemnation of Christian apathy toward the Holocaust and a celebration of the courage of a handful of Christians.

The two survivors interviewed for the film are Odette Myers, who was saved from deportation by her French concierge and Emanuel Tanay, a Polish Jew now a Detroit psychiatrist.

Rittner says she came to choose these five people from Yad Vashem files because they embodied a good cross-section of wartime experiences and represented a wide geographical spread.

"These were ordinary people, and I mean ordinary in a very majestic way, who could not hide behind the lies. They showed us one person can make a difference."

Rittner hopes people who see the film will perceive the linkages to contemporary events.

"Elie Wiesel says all events are linked. I hope

people won't compare but rather that they see connections" to places such as Central America, the Soviet Union and other places experiencing moral and ethical vacuums.

Produced at a cost of \$150,000 (offset mainly by a grant from the Mutual of America Life Insurance Co. and a small sum from the Sister of Zion), the documentary, says Rittner, "shows that anti-semitism is part of the Christian tradition. We must face it, purge it and teach our people to develop faith without prejudice."

Soon after Rittner put together a program at Mercy College in 1980 entitled *After Auschwitz: Vision or Void?* she and Wiesel began talking about the survivors.

"We were talking about witnesses. Every day, they were dying. Soon, there weren't going to be anymore. But there was another group — important witnesses. We said they could offer us hope. Their voices must be heard." In 1981, she began writing proposals, and hunting around for some film talent. Any day now, the book version of *The Courage to Care* should be making its appearance.

Today, Rittner is busy planning a conference for next spring on non-Jewish Holocaust victims: Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, the handicapped and so on. "Not all victims were Jews," she says, "but all Jews were victims."

"The Courage to Care shows it's always possible to reach out and do something."

Harbourfront keeps things hopping

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Harbourfront is hopping these days.

The Nabisco International Children's Festival finished its annual run recently. And now Torontonians can look forward to the du Maurier World Stage, the first major international theatre festival here in five years, which begins May 31 and ends June 14.

The kids' festival, held indoors and outdoors, was billed as Ontario's largest gathering of performing artists for children.

Performers from six nations — Canada, Holland, Sweden, Belgium, Britain and the U.S. — were on hand. And one of the most delightful shows was Donald Himes' production of *Babar the Elephant*.

Babar, the warm-hearted, cheerful creature

from the depths of an African jungle, entranced an audience made up of children and adults. My two daughters, 3½ and 11, liked it immensely.

With Babar's adventures behind them, they next took advantage of the free activities all around Harbourfront's grounds. There was face painting, puppet making, easel drawing and a treasure hunt. They enjoyed it, and, judging by all the beaming faces around them, so did hundreds of other children.

The du Maurier World Stage promises to be one of the big cultural events of 1986.

Lilie Zindel, the artistic director, spent two months in Europe last year visiting theatre festivals in Edinburgh, Bergen, Stockholm, Amsterdam, London and Frankfurt to prepare the event.

World Stage will feature two North American

premieres, eight Toronto premieres, the remounting of a Canadian classic and the revival of a hit from the 1985 theatre season here.

In all, there will be 12 companies, from eight countries, bringing original

theatre to Harbourfront's four main performing stages.

Zindel, a York University graduate, has been working on the festival for the past year and a half to ensure its success.



Lilie Zindel

Controversial play nominated for award

TORONTO —

Ghetto, the controversial Israeli play about the Holocaust which stirred up a furor in the Jewish community when it was staged at the Toronto Workshop Productions Theatre, has been nominated for a Dora Award as one of the season's outstanding productions.

Also nominated for a "Dora" — short form for a Dora Mavor Moore Award — is Montreale Alexander Hausvater for his outstanding direction and Reginald Bronskill for

his outstanding set design for the play.

The awards will be issued to winners on June 16, which has been officially designated Dora Day by Metro Chairman C. Dennis Flynn.

Other nominations of Jewish interest are Michael Levine for his costume and set design for *Spring Awakening* at Centre Stage; and Richard Greenblatt, associate director of the Young Peoples' Theatre, for his outstanding direction of *The Miracle Worker*.

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Arts

Artistic couple to show cultural goodies to Israelis

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Mr. Sax Appeal and Mrs. Fibre Femme Fatale of Toronto are preparing to wing their way to Israel to exhibit their cultural goodies at the Zionists of

America House in Tel Aviv.

Is it possible you've never heard of the loving couple by those sexy nicknames?

—If not, you surely know of them as Paul Brodie, said to be the world's most recorded classical sax-

ophonist, and his wife, Rima Brodie, internationally renowned as a fibre sculptor who creates whimsical dragons and camels and other odd creatures out of such unusual materials as raffia, jute and butcher twine.

The artistic husband-and-wife team have a hectic schedule ahead of them.

She has been invited to exhibit 25 of her works in a 1-woman art show at the ZOA House from June 19 until July 5.

During the same period, he'll not only be giving a concert recital at the same ZOA House. He'll also be performing in recitals for the Israel Composers League, the Jerusalem Youth Band, Israel Radio and various kibbutzim.

In addition, since 1986 has been declared the International Year of Canadian Music, he'll be playing the saxophone works of Canadian Jewish composers Srul Irving Glick and Ben Steinberg in June concerts

at both Canada House and the Royal College of Music in London, England, as well as a BBC concert in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Tooting around the globe on concert tours is not unusual for the bearded, 52-year-old saxophonist.

Not too long ago, he performed in 60 concerts on a tour that took the couple to India, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Australia and his wife accompanied him, exhibiting her handiwork in a network of galleries.

"I most enjoy doing concerts for kids," Paul Brodie was saying in a recent CBN interview. He estimates he has played for more than 500,000 students in Canada alone, from Inuvik, N.W.T., to Lunenburg, N.S.

Later this summer he'll be performing for the kiddies at the Festival of Sound in Parry Sound, Ont., in a 1-man saxophone show called *Mr.*

Saxophone And The Three Bears.

The "bears" are actually part of his \$50,000 collection of 15 saxophones, which range from a "baby" soprano to a "grandpa" bass.

"I wet the reeds in my show, telling the kiddies they taste like good toast rather than porridge," he says. "I tell 'em the bigger the reeds the more peanut butter they've got on them. By the time the show is over, they have learned how many holes there are in one of my brass instruments — 22 altogether — and the whole history of the sax."

The students learn that it was invented in 1840 by a Belgian musician named Adolph Sax. In 1905, the oddball instrument was brought to Louisiana by a Frenchman.

Jazz musicians heard him play it at a church party and were intrigued when they found it could laugh like a loon and cluck like a chicken.

And so it became a favorite in vaudeville theatres, but was scorned by classical composers.

But now there are more than 4,000 compositions created for the sax and Brodie has played a good many of them on his 28 albums. He is currently preparing three more albums, one of them with cellist Ofra Harnoy.

How has his Jewishness influenced his artistry?

"We Jews have been blowing on shofars for centuries," he says. "I love playing a profoundly religious composition like Srul Irving's *Suite Hebraïque* just as I loved playing jazz licks on the sax for Warren Beatty in the movie, *Heaven Can Wait*.



Saxophonist Paul Brodie and his wife, fibre sculptor Rima, are bound for Israel.

"I love the bundle of beautiful traditions that makes Judaism meaningful to me. But I guess I'd have to say that making beautiful music on a sax is the heart of my religion."



Charles Zachary Bornstein

Bornstein will conduct Festival

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Charles Zachary Bornstein will conduct the London Mozart Festival at the London (Ontario) Grand Theatre each Thursday evening in June plus June 27.

Bornstein, born in Buffalo, has been conductor of the Newfoundland Symphony from 1982 to 1984, during which all concerts were sold-out, in a 12-concert season. From 1975, he guest-conducted the Salzburg Mozarteum, Buffalo Philharmonic, Brooklyn Philharmonic, Juilliard Chamber Orchestra and Royal Conservatory Orchestra, among others.

His original compositions have been performed by the American Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic and Newfoundland Symphony.

The opening night gala on June 5 will feature first Artur Schnabel Piano Competition prize winner (in Israel) Janina Fialkowska. On June 12, flautist Jody Evans will appear with harpist Maria Lorcini, who is the Hamilton Philharmonic principal harpist.

Bornstein himself plays piano for Mozart's Concerto #25 on June 19. Sibelius' Sixth Symphony will also be performed. And the closing night gala June 26-27 will have the Elmer Iseler Singers, featuring Mozart's Great Mass in C minor, with soprano Joanne Deerfield, mezzo-soprano Deborah Millson, soprano Martin Chambers, baritone Alvin Reimer and organist Hugh McLean.

For further information call 519-672-8800.

The Hebrew song will receive serious concert treatment as a recognized art form by Holy Blossom Cantor Benjamin Maissner at Holy Blossom on June 6. Dr. Mel Iscove will accompany on piano.

This program will examine the roots of Israeli folksong. The modern Israeli song is characterized by constant experimentation with new rhythmic effects. There is a great deal of syncopation both simple and compound, reflecting the vibrant tempo of Israeli life.

For details regarding this important demonstration call 789-3291.

Harry Belafonte, who will be emceeing the May 30 Arts Against Apartheid concert, performed extensively with Yaffa Yarkoni in the early 1960s. His wife and daughter are Jewish.

Rock 'n' roll and drugs: are the two linked? This vital issue will be the subject of a free forum to be held at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W., June 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Moderator will be Dr. Ron Clavier, Clark Institute psychologist. Panelists will include musician-performer Lee Aaron, University of Toronto psychology professor Dr. John Friedman, videomaker Rob Quartly, Much Music video-jockey Christopher Ward and rock star Ian Thomas.

Were Jimi Hendrix, Elvis Presley and Janis Joplin the rule or the exception? Does work-related peer group pressure force rock musicians into drugs? Is today's scene more conservative? These questions will be debated in this forum. For further information, call 595-6102.

Cooking doesn't have to end up in tears

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Cooking without tears isn't always easy. You're under pressure, you're tired, and the recipes you're trying to follow aren't too clear. In short, you're frustrated and wish you were eating out.

The cookbooks under review may well make life a little easier in the kitchen. They're interesting, to the point and two of them highlight one of the great cuisines of the world, Indian cookery.

The third volume will delight vegetarians, and the fourth comes out just in time for the barbecue season.

The *Curry Club Indian Restaurant Book* (Collins, \$13.95) enables you to prepare anything from a veritable feast to a what author Pat Chapman calls "a simple TV dinner or snack."

This is a most useful book to have around the house, not only because it contains information about basic cooking techniques, but because the recipes are so tantalizing.

The *Little Curry Book* (Collins, \$6.95), by the

same writer, is a succinct compendium of all the wonderfully aromatic spices and herbs which are used in Indian food.

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The *Vegetarian Chef* (Oxford University Press, \$9.95) speaks for itself. David Cohlmeier's informative book has adapted recipes from around the world for use in a Canadian household.

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Cohlmeier has been cooking up a storm, as a professional chef, caterer and teacher, for more than a decade.

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Author focuses on private agony in Holocaust book

The Holocaust: The Jewish Tragedy, by Martin Gilbert, Fitzhenry & Whiteside, \$39.95.

Do we need another enormous book on the Holocaust? Don't we have enough? Haven't the terror and horror been documented beyond cavil or question? Is it possible to add either information or meaning to the six most, tormented years of modern Jewish history?

Martin Gilbert, the official biographer of Winston Churchill, has written a different kind of book about the Holocaust. He does not accentuate the overall effect, the large canvas, the general significance of the event. Instead, he concentrates on the individual tragedy and the private agony. Six



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

million is a figure beyond our ability to encompass, but we can understand the individual travail and the predicament of the agonized figure or family.

The author deals largely with the Jewish communities of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, White Russia and the Ukraine. With extraordinary diligence and meticulous research he draws his material from the first-hand encounters of wit-

nesses and from documents, letters, memoirs and interviews. Detail by detail the story builds to an intensity that becomes almost unbearable.

Several days after the Buchenwald concentration camp had been evacuated by the Germans, American forces found a small frightened boy who was pulled from a pile of corpses. A Jewish chaplain burst into tears and then hoping to reassure the child

began to laugh. He asked in yiddish, "How old are you?" "Older than you," the child responded. "How can you say that?" asked the rabbi fearing the child was deranged. "You cry and laugh like a little boy," the child replied, "but I haven't laughed for years and I don't even cry any more. So tell me, who is older?"

On April 13, 1945, prisoners from Auschwitz were marched to a small community and forced into a large barn. A survivor relates: "Since we were five to six thousand people, the wall of the barn collapsed from the pressure of the mass of people, and many of us fled. The Germans poured out petrol and set the barn on fire. Several thousand people were burned alive. Those of us who had managed to escape lay down in the nearby wood and heard the heartrending screams of the victims. Some of them trapped in the barn tried to escape by burrowing under the foundation walls. But as their heads appeared on the outside, they were shot by the Germans surrounding the barn."

The author has an eyewitness account of a "very young boy," newly arrived at the Belzec death camp. "He was a fine example of health, strength and youth. We were surprised by his cheerful manner. He looked around and said quite happily: 'Has anyone ever escaped from here?' It was enough. One of the guards overheard him and the boy was tortured to death. He was stripped naked and hung upside down from the gallows — he hung there for three hours. He was strong and still very much alive. They took him down and laid him on the ground

and pushed sand down his throat with sticks until he died."

A particularly disturbing section of the book deals with outbreaks of anti-semitism after the German surrender. On July 4, 1946, for instance, more than a year after VE Day, 42 Jews were massacred by Poles in the town of Kielce. Following this pogrom, 100,000 Polish Jews, more than half the survivors, fled from Poland, seeking new homes in Palestine, West-

ern Europe, Britain and the United States, Latin America and Australia. Gilbert restores dignity to the victims by providing substantial evidence of Jewish resistance. A survivor of the Kovno ghetto reassured fellow prisoners who were still living at Dachau, nearly a month after liberation: "Hitler has lost every battle on every front except the battle against defenceless and unarmed men, women and children... However, we

do not want revenge... If we took this vengeance it would mean we would fall to the depths of ethics and morals the German nation has been in these past ten years. We are not able to slaughter women and children! We are not able to burn millions of people! We are not able to starve hundreds of thousands!"

More than any other book that I know, this emotionally searing account brings the Shoah alive in unforgettable fashion.

Smooth Talk forceful film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Joyce Chopra's first full-length feature, *Smooth Talk*, is no smash hit, but, rather, a quiet, forceful film that leaves an impression.

Until recently, Chopra directed documentaries, and pretty good ones, if the reports about her career can be believed. But now, with *Smooth Talk*, she has extended her reach, choosing a topic that has often been dealt with, but not very successfully.

The rites of passage in adolescence, invariably mishandled by directors for one reason or other, is the theme of *Smooth Talk*, now playing at the International Cinema. Based on a story by Joyce Carol Oates, *Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been*, *Smooth Talk* is a scrupulously-observed film.

Connie Wyatt (Laura Dern) is 15, blonde, tall and lanky and a little rebellious. She is at a point in her brief life where she is discovering new, exciting things about herself.

She leads two separate lives. At home, she is sullen, withdrawn and mean-tempered. She doesn't get along with her mother (Mary Kay Place), and she is jealous of June (Elizabeth Berridge), her prissy sister. She likes her

father (Levon Helm), a casual, distant man, but her relationship with him seems flimsy.

Connie is a completely different person in the privacy of her room, when she prims before the mirror or listens to the mournful songs of James Taylor. She is more confident of herself, more outgoing, happier.

And she is particularly happy when she gets together with her friends, Laura (Margaret Welch) and Jill (Sarah Inglis), like-minded souls.

The girls like hanging out in a shopping mall, flirting with boys as they sashay past finely-appointed shops. And, at night, they enjoy going to Frank's, a roadside hamburger joint where couples in heat make out in full view.

Smooth Talk observes their erratic progress toward womanhood, their fears and doubts and joys. But the most intriguing part of *Smooth Talk* is when Connie meets Arnold Friend (Treat Williams), one of the strangest characters ever to appear in film.

Arnold is older, wiser and more sophisticated than any of the boys Connie has encountered, a metaphorical figure, a deflowerer of virgins. He knows what he wants and he sets about getting it. Connie tries to resist his

exotic blandishments, but she succumbs, as she must.

Treat Williams practically steals the show, delivering an astonishing performance. Within the span of a minute, he imparts sharply contradictory moods, shifting into them seamlessly. He is nice and menacing, filling Connie with a sense of the unknown.

Laura Dern, who was so touching in *Mask*, an earlier, underrated film, is the personification of a girl in transition from carnal innocence to carnal knowledge. She is as natural as a flower in the sun, so down-to-earth and real that you don't even notice her acting.

Smooth Talk, which unfolds against the backdrop of James Taylor's bitter-sweet melodies, charts Connie's coming of age with empathy and a certain adroitness.

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*Masterful example of theatre of the absurd**Milan Kundera play based on many literary sources*

By
FRANK RASKY
TORONTO —

Jacques And His Master (at Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkeley St., 368-2856) is a quirky, cockeyed, witty, literate and thoroughly masterful example of theatre of the absurd.

It takes so many adjectives to describe this convoluted play, directed so brilliantly by Richard Rose of Toronto's Necessary Angel production company, because it has such a complex genealogy and multi-layered form.

Let's unscramble its mishmash of an authorship first. Inspired by the tricky prose style of Laurence Sterne's 18th-century English novel *Tristan Shandy*, it became a 19th-century novel titled *Jacques Le Fatalist* by the avant garde French essayist Denis Diderot.

Czech playwright Milan Kundera then converted it into a play in the 1970s, and now a versatile British actor named Simon Callow (who played Mozart in the original production of *Amadeus*) has translated it

into fluently madcap English.

To confuse things further, the absurdist spirit of the play is seemingly derived from many literary sources, ranging from Beckett's *Waiting For Godot* to Pirandello's *Six Characters In Search Of An Author*.

What's more, its two main characters — a vagabond valet named Jacques and his footloose lordly master — have a delightful relationship that reminded this reviewer of Sancho Panzo with Don Quixote

and Jeeves with his P.G. Wodehouse caricature of an English fop.

Even more complicated is the narration of the play's series of plotless plots.

It begins with the insolent servant and his womanizing 18th-century master shuffling onto a bare stage which is tilted cleverly at a topsyturvy angle by set designer Dorian Clark.

They proceed to regale each other with tales of their amorous adventures. But, in a kind of storyus interruptus, so to speak, their stories are never completed. The narrators walk right into the dramatization of their tales to become characters in the enactment, and often midway changing the direction of the storyline.

Furthermore, we in the audience are kept off-balance by the characters' hilarious tendency to rail at the blundering "master" who created them, variously suggested to be God, Diderot or Kundera.

There's no blundering on the part of the uniformly superb cast.

Richard McMillan, who deservedly won a Dora Award last season when directed by Richard Rose in *Prague*, merits another one for his portrayal of Jacques. His comic timing is subtle and sly and very funny, especially when praising Denis Forest in the role of the nobleman: "You are an obedient master."

Equally deserving of an award is Stratford veteran Denise Fergusson. It's a pleasure to watch her in action in her two roles — as

a randy innkeeper and as an avenging aristocrat who punishes her faithless lover in deliciously wicked fashion.

If you have a taste for wheels-within-wheels black comedy, performed with intelligence and high style, you'll have a ball at this Necessary Angel theatrical piece of trickery.



Denise Fergusson as a flirtatious innkeeper kisses Richard McMillan in the role of valet while his master played by Denis Forest looks on in *Jacques And His Master*.

Israel's Bat-Dor Company wows them in the West

EDMONTON —

The professionalism and energy of the Bat-Dor Dance Company of Israel drew praise in a review by The Edmonton Journal of a gala performance, the first of the company's three appearances here. The visit to the Alberta capital was part of the company's 6-city first ever Canadian tour.

Bat-Dor's appearance, held under the auspices of Alberta Culture Minister Mary Lemessurier, was the result of a visit to Israel by the minister two years ago. Gideon Saguy, the consul-general of Israel in Toronto, had invited Lemessurier to visit Israel with the possibility of arranging an exchange of cultural events.

Two works, the non-traditional *Cloven Kingdom* and the Spanish-flavor work called *Cantares*, "best revealed the exuberance and energy simmering under the surface," of the troupe, said Journal reviewer Karen Sherlock.

U.S. choreographer Paul Taylor's *Cloven Kingdom* featuring his vision of man as a social animal, was termed the company's greatest departure from traditional forms.

"Metallic headdresses

and masks in geometric form add an ingenious element as dancers' movements toss shards of reflected light around the stage and across the faces of the audience, pulling viewers into this fantastic, frenetic festival of masquerade," Sherlock wrote.

"The 12 dancers proved impeccable in executing dizzying movement configurations and intricate timing, all with just the right touch of seriousness to keep the dance balanced precariously on the edge of the ludicrous and the profound."

Cantares, by Argentine choreographer Oscar Araiz, was described as a phalanx of nine women in gray moving through dances that "echo of water and wind and fire, with a threat of Spanish heat and haughtiness weaving in and out."

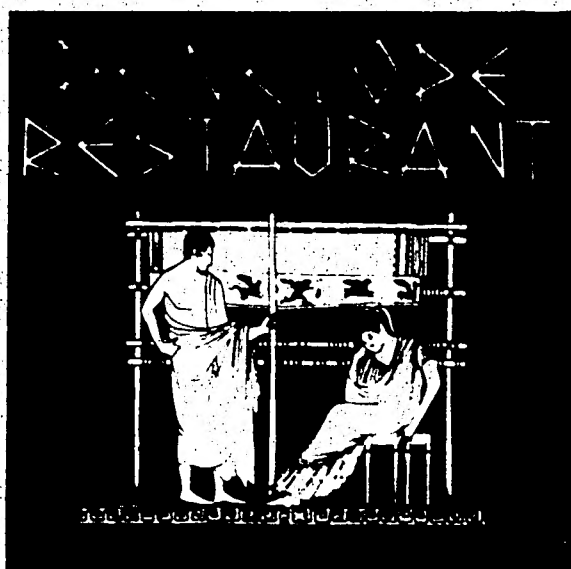
Bodies "move as one across the stage like schools of graceful fish, hands flutter wispily like coral fronds and then subside in this work," said Sherlock.

She praised principal dancer Miriam Paskalsky as standing apart in *Cantares* and the other pieces

both in style and stage presence: "Her expressive use of hands and shoulders in a lonely solo reflected the piece's theme — an almost tragic desire to express, to sing."

After the performance, Saguy, in his capacity as consul-general for Western Canada, and his wife Meri gave a reception. Saguy thanked Culture Minister Lemessurier and the Alberta government for their assistance in arranging the visit. He also credited the members of the gala committee headed by Judith Goldsand, Dr. Eli Adler and Shoshana Pollack.

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

Looking for some unusual places to visit in Canada this summer? Try our two off-the-beaten-track island provinces, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. You'll find scenery, unusual communities, good food, history and interesting people.

You are probably not aware that the oldest shopping street in North America is Water St. in the Newfoundland capital city of St. John's. It became a well-worn path when Sir Humphrey Gilbert established the first English colony here in 1583. It has been pioneered some years earlier by European fishermen who came to fish for cod off Newfoundland soon after the island was discovered by John Cabot in 1497.

Water St. is the main commercial street of modern St. John's. Here are its main shops, banks and public buildings. While walking here the smell of salt water from the Atlantic is noticeable, for the street is on the rocky surface above the harbor where you will find fishing trawlers and freighters from many countries.

Successive fires over the centuries have wiped out all remains of the wooden houses which once lined Water St. Nearby is the recently restored Commissariat House, built in 1818, with offices on the ground floor and residential quarters above. It now looks as it did about 1850.

The Newfoundland Museum on Duckworth St. houses a collection of local history as well as mem-



One of the numerous small coastal villages on Newfoundland's east coast.

tos of the Beothuk Indians who were killed off during the French occupation in the 17th century.

It is a hilly walk to the Cabot Tower and Signal Hill Historic Park high above the landlocked harbor. The Cabot Tower was built in 1897 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the island's discovery by John Cabot. During the summer months there is a light and sound history of the island. The view of the harbor and its entrance shows why the island was so fought over by the English and the French.

There is always a good wind here and that natural phenomenon was used by Guglielmo Marconi in 1901 to fly kites to support the antenna on which he received the first radio signals from his transmitter at Poldu, England.

All around the Atlantic

coast of rugged Newfoundland you'll find fishing villages, with homes and fish plants clinging to rocky cliffs. Here live fisherfolk who practically have their own language, for Newfoundland English differs quite a bit from that of mainland Canada. In fact there is a recently published (University of Toronto Press) Dictionary of Newfoundland English, 626 pages in all. And place names include such oddities as Witless Bay, Pouch Cove, Heart's Content, Cupids, and Come-by-Chance.

The west coast of Newfoundland is an area of fjords, waterways between high craggy and wooded hills. This is lumbering country where paper mills are located at Corner Brook, a scenic rivalled only by the Pacific coast of British Columbia and the fjords of Norway.

The other island province is Prince Edward Island, known for its fine sand beaches, the location of the story of Anne of Green Gables, and the place where preliminary talks for the formation of Canada began in 1864.

In Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island's province's capital, you can stand around the mahogany table on the second floor of Province House, the legislative building, where the first Confederation conference for the union of the British colonies was held. The room is today as it was then. The chairs used by the delegates from today's Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, are still in position around the table.

In the square in front of Province House is a memorial to Jacques Cartier who discovered the island in 1534. Nearby are old cannon used in the 1758 defence of Louis-

bourg in the English-French wars for the possession of Canada.

A short walk away is Victoria Park with the remains of Fort Edward and its old cannon facing the harbor. It was built about 1805. Across the harbor is Fort Amherst National Historic Park at Rocky Point, a fort built by the French in 1721 and later rebuilt by the British in 1758.

Along the Atlantic coast are the miles of sandy

beaches of Prince Edward Island National Park and golf courses where the fresh winds from the sea blow most of the time. There is good fishing, hiking and just relaxing here.

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Fort Lauderdale's new riverfront attractions beckon

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

FORT LAUDERDALE

Should you be in the Miami area this year, be sure to take a trip northward to Fort Lauderdale to see the newest in art museums which opened in January.

The museum is open daily except Mondays and national holidays; entrance fees are U.S.\$3 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors, \$1 for students and teachers.

The Museum of Art faces the New River and is part of the revitaliza-

tion of Fort Lauderdale's downtown and riverfront districts. There are restored historic homes, a new governmental centre, new office and retail facilities. A performing arts centre is scheduled to open in 1988.

Among other recently opened features is a new small dining spot facing the New River, so that as you dine, luxury yachts pass by or are moored on the opposite bank.

The restaurant is in the restored 1904 homes of the Bryan family, who came to Fort Lauderdale to help Henry Flagler build the

East Coast Railroad to Miami and Key West. Since late 1983 the two Bryan homes were joined together, completely restored, furnished with furniture of the turn-of-the-century, and now can serve 185 diners in 10 dining rooms in early 20th century elegance.

For an evening out, you will find it is worth the drive from Miami to the Historic Bryan Homes Restaurant. The menu lists the New Florida Cuisine with most dishes having a tropical flavor, such as (among fish dishes) grouper with mango puree,

baked stuffed avocado, various curries, cold chowders, and smoked native fish. For Sunday brunch you'll find such unusual appetizers as broiled pink grapefruit.

Fort Lauderdale and its nearby community of Port Everglades are becoming important cruise embarkation ports. Good harbor facilities and the deepest harbor on this part of the Atlantic coast, bring international freighter and passenger ships here.

(There are numerous synagogues in the area.

At Fort Lauderdale is Orthodox Young Israel of Hollywood Synagogue, 3291 Stirling Rd.; Beth Israel, 7100 West Oak Blvd., conservative; and

Reform Temple Emanuel, 3245 West Oakland Park Blvd. At nearby Hallandale is the Orthodox Jewish Centre, 416 N.E. 8th Ave. At

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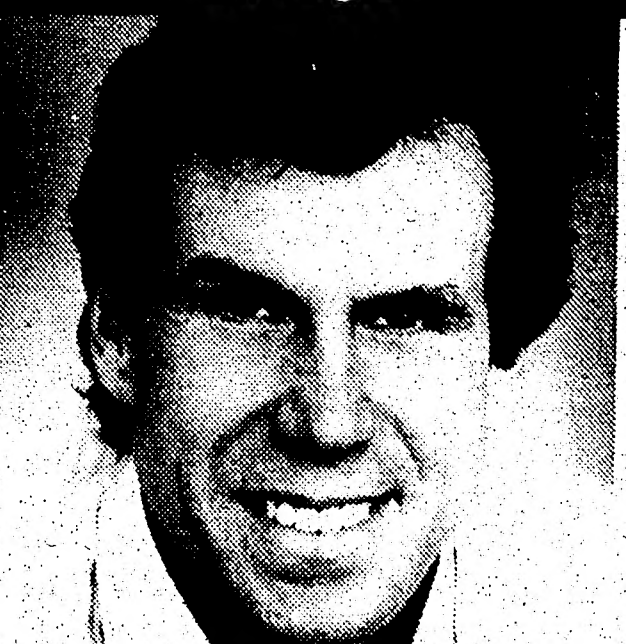
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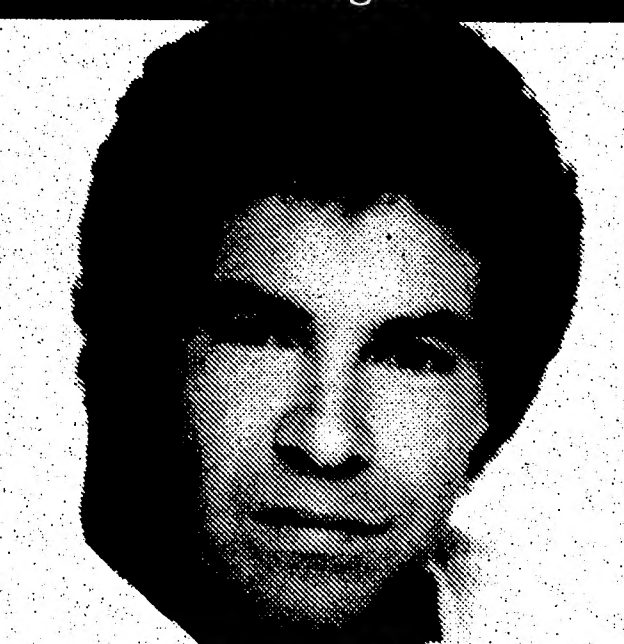
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Travel

State of seven presidents

Ohio's engrossing past charms

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

CINCINNATI —

Here on the Ohio River you can board one of the last sternwheeler river steamers, the Delta Queen, for a trip on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. It is an experience this travel reporter can recommend. It brings back the days of Mark Twain's boyhood fictional characters Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, and you can listen to the steam calliope piping tunes like Old Man River.

Like all big cities Cincinnati has a vast variety of attractions including numerous parks, a fine zoo, riverfront esplanades and walks, a vast riverfront sports stadium, a race track, a number of museums and art galleries, Kings Island amusement parks and gourmet dining spots.

Of special interest to Jewish visitors is the Hebrew Union College where Reform rabbis are trained. Its library is one of the largest Jewish libraries in the world. There are numerous synagogues in the city.

Few people realize it, but seven United States presidents came from the state of Ohio, and some of their homes have become national historic sites, open to visitors at certain times of the year. Included are the homes of Rutherford B. Hayes at Fremont, of Warren G. Harding at Marion,

and Howard Taft who used to spend his summers on the St. Lawrence River near Murray Bay, Que., had his home in Cincinnati.

A century and a half ago the small town of Coshocton south of the city of Cleveland on Lake Erie was a busy place. This was the start of the Ohio and Erie Canal between Cleveland and mid-Ohio. Today, you can relive those early days and ride on the horse-drawn restoration of a canal barge at Roscoe Village, just outside Coshocton. I found it a most relaxing mode of travel through a quiet countryside.

There are other surprises for vacationers in this often bypassed state just south of Ontario. At Sandusky, on Lake Erie, is a forerunner of the theme park complex now so popular throughout the U.S. Cedar Point has been in almost continuous operation for nearly a century as a fun place. Today it also has a hotel complex, good beaches on Lake Erie, a vast midway, a frontier village, a space spiral which whirls spectators up 300 feet, a marina and a trailer camper park.

At Aurora, not far south of Cleveland, is Sea World with killer whales and dolphins, water ski acts, a circus and girl pearl divers. There are chimpanzees, a water-skiing elephant, exotic bird displays, alligators and you can fish for rainbow trout.

Near Wapakoneta on Interstate Route 75, exit 65, is the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum built like a concrete domed bunker into a hill. Marking the entrance is a needle-nosed Skylancer F5D jet fighter flown by Armstrong as a test pilot in the early 1960s.

First astronaut on moon

The museum has much of Armstrong's personal memorabilia, the space suit he wore when he was the first man to land on the moon in 1969 and the Apollo 11 spacecraft in which he made that historic flight. The museum has a tunnel to walk through where you feel as if you were actually in space.

In contrast visit Dayton where the Wright brothers built their first airplane which was to fly in 1903 at Kittyhawk, North Carolina. In Dayton aviation buffs can have a field day for here is located the United States Air Force Museum, claimed to be the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world.

Aircraft from replicas of the earliest Wright planes to modern missiles are on display, with aircraft used by various nations in wars since the airplane was used militarily in World War I.

For those who have at some time read the novels of the west by Zane Grey, the town of Zanesville will be of interest. This is where the early 20th century novelist's ancestors settled when the Ohio region was opened to European colonists some 200 years ago. The National Road Museum shows the part the Zane family played in building the early settlement roads through virgin forest, pioneer camping equipment used by the early settlers and Zane Grey's study where he wrote his western novels with a display of his various books.

Throughout the state you can go underground and visit caves. There are unusual rock formations, halls carved out of rock by underground rivers, stalactites and stalagmites forming constantly in various colors.

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Business Outlook

Lower rates boosting longer term mortgages

TORONTO —

More business people and consumers are "locking in" for the longer term, as 5-year mortgage rates dip to the lowest level since 1978, reports the Royal LePage Canadian mortgage market bulletin.

Although many consumers are assuming 1-year mortgage terms in the belief that rates will continue to fall, a growing percentage are opting for 5-year terms, says the bulletin.

"The number of people taking 5-year mortgages is now greater than in any period in 1985. Primarily, this is because the interest rate spread between a 1-year and a 5-year mortgage is less than 1%," according to Royal LePage's residential mortgage spokesman.

Commercial mortgage demand also has been active, with many individuals considering longer terms," says Bill Anderson, Royal

LePage's commercial mortgage spokesman.

Responding to a drop in the Bank of Canada rate on May 1, and a highly competitive mortgage market, financial institutions have slashed mortgage rates for 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-year terms by ¼ percentage points, and by up to ½ percentage points for 1-year terms.

In the majority of markets, mortgage rates now range from 10% for 1-year terms to 10½% for five years.

"Demand in the last few weeks has been very steady. In addition to reinforcing sales of new homes, the decline in mortgage rates also will encourage many people to refinance existing mortgages," says Royal LePage's residential mortgage spokesman.

Anderson notes that activity in the commercial mortgage market is a reflection of the high levels of business and investor confidence across most of the country.

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OBITUARIES

Csillag, Eugenio on May 15, 1986, late of 163 Song Meadoway.

Fenster, Izhak on May 15, 1986, late of 6020 Bathurst St., #810.

Fox, Ida on May 17, 1986, late of Baycrest Home For The Aged.

Gross, Joseph on May 15, 1986, late of 42 Touraine Ave.

Schechter, Ruth on May 14, 1986, late of 306 Wilmington Ave.

Spivak, Boris on May 17, 1986, late of 4750 Bathurst St., #219.

Stein, Rose on May 16, 1986, late of Baycrest Home For The Aged.

Steinberg, Isadore on May 17, 1986, late of 3000 Bathurst St., #1010.

Tennebaum, Rae on May 15, 1986, late of 4415 Bathurst St., #202.

Tennent, Bernard on May 13, 1986, late of 12 Banff Rd.

Weisbeker, Sam on May 17, 1986, late of 100 Antibes Sr., #408.

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Smith, Sadie on 5/9/86, late of Baycrest, Toronto.

Farb, Herbert on 5/8/86, late of 56 Alexandra Wood, Tor., M5N 2S5.

Kisin, Moses on 5/8/86, late of 9 Deepglade Cres., Will., M2J 1B3.

Finn, Jarome on 5/9/86, late of 45 Birchmount Rd., #1, Scarborough.

Litman, Louis on 5/10/86, late of 6 Follis Ave., Toronto.

Borovoy, Lesres on 5/10/86, late of 222 Acton Ave., Toronto.

Sobel, Samuel on 5/9/86, late of 35 Cedarcroft Blvd., Toronto.

Weiss, Marion on 5/12/86, late of 330 Spadina Rd., Toronto.

Segel, Esther on 5/12/86, late of 3705 Bathurst St., Toronto.

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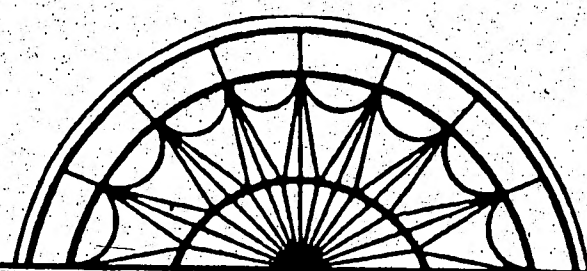
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The Israelis are coming! The Israelis are coming! Israel's national basketball team will soon be in Canada for a series of exhibition games against Canada's olympic team, thanks to Maccabi Canada.

Israeli hoopsters to vie for Maccabi Cup

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Israel's national basketball team, featuring world class hoopster Mickey Bercoitch, will soon visit Toronto as part of a 4-game exhibition series with the Canadian nationals.

The series will culminate

with the two teams vying for Maccabi Challenge Cup, which will be presented to the winning team following a game on June 18 at Varsity Arena.

Prior to the June 18 match-up, the Israeli and Canadian teams will tangle in exhibition games on June 15 at Waterloo University, on the 16th at McMaster University in

Hamilton and at the University of Western Ontario in London on the 17th.

Prior to the games, the Israelis will hold practices, open to the public, at the Bloor St. branch of the Jewish Community Centre. The practices are set for June 15, 16 and 17 and will run from 9.30-11.00 a.m.

Martin Atkins, chairman of the game, says the 4-game set will, hopefully, be the forerunner of an annual series between the two teams. Next year the Canadian squad will venture to Israel for matches prior to the world cup in Spain.

While basketball is the main item on the Israeli national team's week-long agenda, they'll also be

taken on tours, some will visit relatives, they'll enjoy a Shabbat dinner as well as a lunch with the Canadian nationals.

About half of the 4,500 tickets for the game at Varsity Arena have already been sold, though good seats are still available, says Atkins. Tickets are set at \$5, \$10, \$25, \$35 and \$50 and can

be obtained by calling Fern Winick at (416) 960-1041.

Maccabi wants gymnasts

TORONTO —

Eugene Shendry, former national coach of the Soviet Union's men's gymnastics team as well as the Italian national team, has been named coach of the Toronto boys' gymnastics contingent for the upcoming Maccabiah Youth Games.

Shendry will be evaluating young gymnastics talent in preparation for the Youth Games, to be held in Toronto from Aug. 15-21.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team can contact Erma Bader at 789-0189.

In other Maccabi developments, Sporting Life has been named the official sponsor for the Toronto contingent to the Youth Games, says Marty Tweyman, Toronto team captain.

Tweyman adds that Maccabi coaches and officials are continuing their search for athletic talent to try out for the softball, tennis, track and field, soccer, sailing, volleyball, swimming, basketball, table tennis, squash and racquetball teams.

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Brenda Kadish new director

Hamilton JCC camp program to have new look

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON

A new camp director, a new camp site and two new camps add up to a new look JCC this summer.

The new camp director is Brenda Kadish, a McMaster University psy-

chology graduate from Guelph, who joined the JCC staff at the beginning of the year as program director.

The new site is the Dundas Valley Trail Centre, a conservation area just outside Hamilton and the two new camps are Camp Godna (Wilderness) for

9- to 12-year-olds and Camp K'Ton Ton for the nursery set.

Meanwhile Camp Kadimah, with its familiar program of arts and crafts, Judaica, sports and swimming, continues as the tried and proven day camp for youngsters aged 4½ to 9.

A bright and energetic 22-year-old who enjoys "working with little kids,"

Kadish was anxious to give the JCC day camp "more of a camp image... give the kids more exposure to camp."

An experienced camper herself who worked at the B'nai B'rith Northland camp in Toronto and Snoopy Camp at the Bathurst Y, she was director of Camp Kadima's nursery section last summer.

Responsible for planning all JCC children's activities, and family outings and events, Kadish also devised the entire new summer program, which was approved by the camp committee headed by Louise Rotman and Pamela Sniderman.

Kadish also teaches arts and crafts at Temple Anshe Shalom Sunday religious

school and is adviser to Hamilton area B'nai B'rith Girls.

For the past few years the JCC day camp has been based at Temple Anshe Shalom, with the use of playing fields at the back for outdoor activities but while "there's no doubt the kids had a good time," the new site will give the youngsters much more of an outdoor camp feeling, says Kadish.

Set in pleasant rolling landscape, the new site offers playing fields, shelter and hiking trails.

Concern over dwindling enrolment of the older age group led to the introduction of Camp Godna, which offers a Red Cross swimming program at the Olympic-size McMaster University pool, horseback riding, wind surfing and sailing instruction as well as camping skills, canoeing



Brenda Kadish

olds, designed for teenagers interested in learning more about working with children and as a preparation course for future counselors.

For Camp Kadimah there'll be the usual arts and crafts program, plenty of sports, including swimming instruction at the McMaster pool, and day trips. The emphasis here is on Jewish heritage and tradition and the instructor will be a young Israeli woman from Or Yehuda, Hamilton's Project Renewal community, who is coming especially for the program.

Camp K'Ton Ton is described as offering everything an active 3-4½-year-old enjoys: water and playground activities, painting, pasting, games, trips to the farm and Children's Museum as well as learning about Jewish holidays.

Planned CJC task force on intermarriage lauded

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO

A recently-formed ad hoc group on intermarriage is pleased that the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary passed a resolution supporting the formation of a CJC task force to deal with the problem.

"I feel very happy about this and I hope this is the beginning of the solution to the problem," says Yon-toff Frasko, chairman of the Association For Jewish Survival.

The group proposed the resolution, Frasko says, and members of the association passed out literature and statistics at the plenary petitioning support for it.

The resolution calls for a task force of professionals and lay leaders in the Jewish community to make recommendations on programs to be undertaken by the CJC alone and with other organizations.

It calls for a report from the task force, and that a "blueprint for action, be presented to the officers for implementation within a period of up to one year from the date of this plenary assembly."

Before the plenary, the regular group of about 20

members met informally on a monthly basis to discuss the problem. But they realized they needed broader community support, says Frasko.

"We were using an aspirin for an infection. We needed penicillin for the infection," he says.

Statistics obtained by the association showing that the intermarriage rate in Canada is about 33%, and that the U.S. Jewish population is expected to continue to decrease because of intermarriage disturbed the members, says Frasko.

While he says the association cannot pinpoint the source of the problem, Frasko says that if a child has a strong sense of a Jewish identity that individual might think twice before intermarrying.

Now that the resolution has been passed, professionals will research "the right medicine for the cure," says Frasko.

Among the responses the AJS advocates are: better education, awareness of the issue in the home, and providing young Jews with social facilities for meeting one another.

The association members will offer whatever assistance they can to the CJC to deal with the problem, says Frasko, and plan to continue getting

together even if they are not part of the task force.

Anyone who is concerned with the problem of intermarriage is invited to join the group. For more information, write POB 116 Station T, Toronto M6B 3Z9 or phone (416) 789-4149.

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Therapy workshop to deal with elderly disorientation

TORONTO

A Validation Therapy Workshop utilizing Naomi Feil's method of helping the elderly cope with disorientation will be held from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Friday, June 20 at Warrior's Hall Auditorium in Sunnybrook Hospital.

Validation therapy is described by workshop organizers — three social workers in the field of gerontology — as a model of practice developed by Feil "that is a radical departure from traditional treatment."

The therapy accepts the fact that the disoriented person lives in another reality and "aims at confirming the older person's feelings to restore a sense of self-esteem," they say.

Feil received her Master's degree in 1956 at Columbia University, New

York School of Social Work, specializing in group work with the aged. She was not satisfied with traditional methods of therapy for the elderly and began developing her own ways of helping the elderly cope with disorientation.

She began development of Validation Therapy in 1963. She conducts workshops for nursing homes and hospitals throughout the continent.

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